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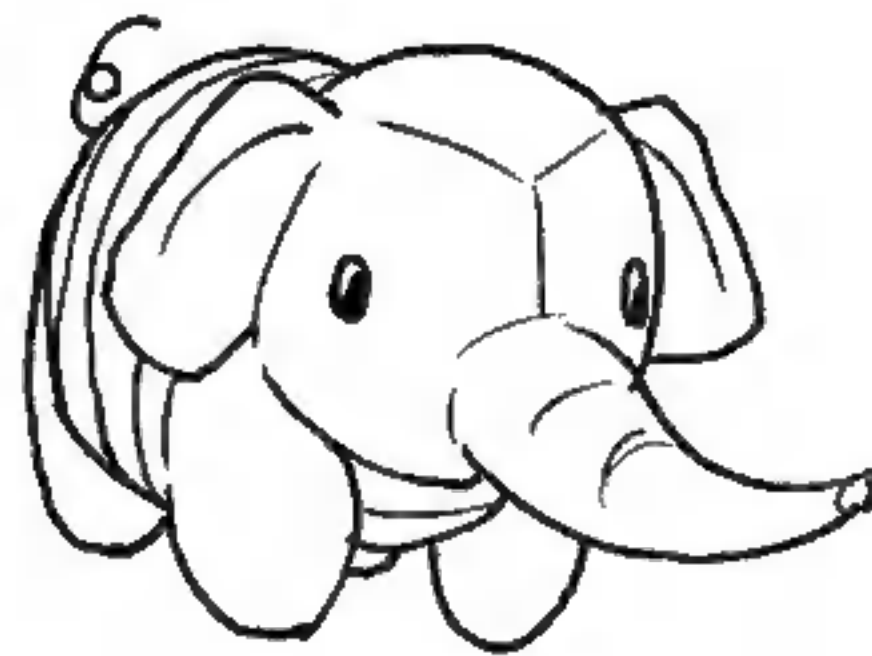
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CHAPTER 13

THAT  
WAS SO  
BEAUTIFUL...

YEAH.

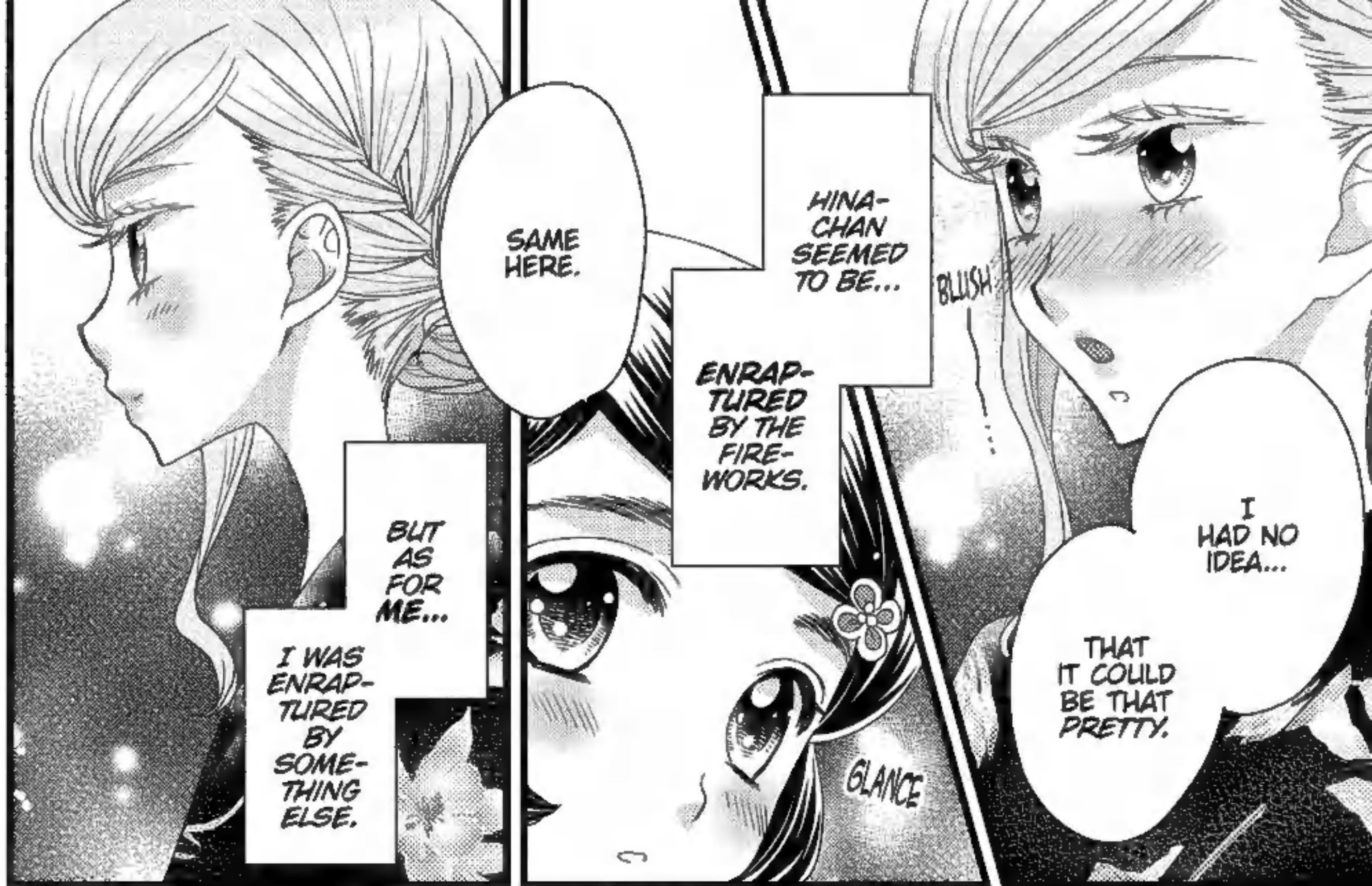
CHATTER  
ざ  
ち  
ざ  
ち

CHATTER  
ざ  
ち

RESTAURANT  
TANAKA







SAME  
HERE.

HINA-  
CHAN  
SEEMED  
TO BE...

BLUSH

ENRAP-  
TURED  
BY THE  
FIRE-  
WORKS.

BUT  
AS  
FOR  
ME...

I WAS  
ENRAP-  
TURED  
BY SOMETHING  
ELSE.

I  
HAD NO  
IDEA...

THAT  
IT COULD  
BE THAT  
PRETTY.

GLANCE



.....

IS IT  
TRUE?

"TELL  
HER,  
'YOUR EX  
CAME  
TO SEE  
YOU!'"



Y-YEAH,  
RIGHT!

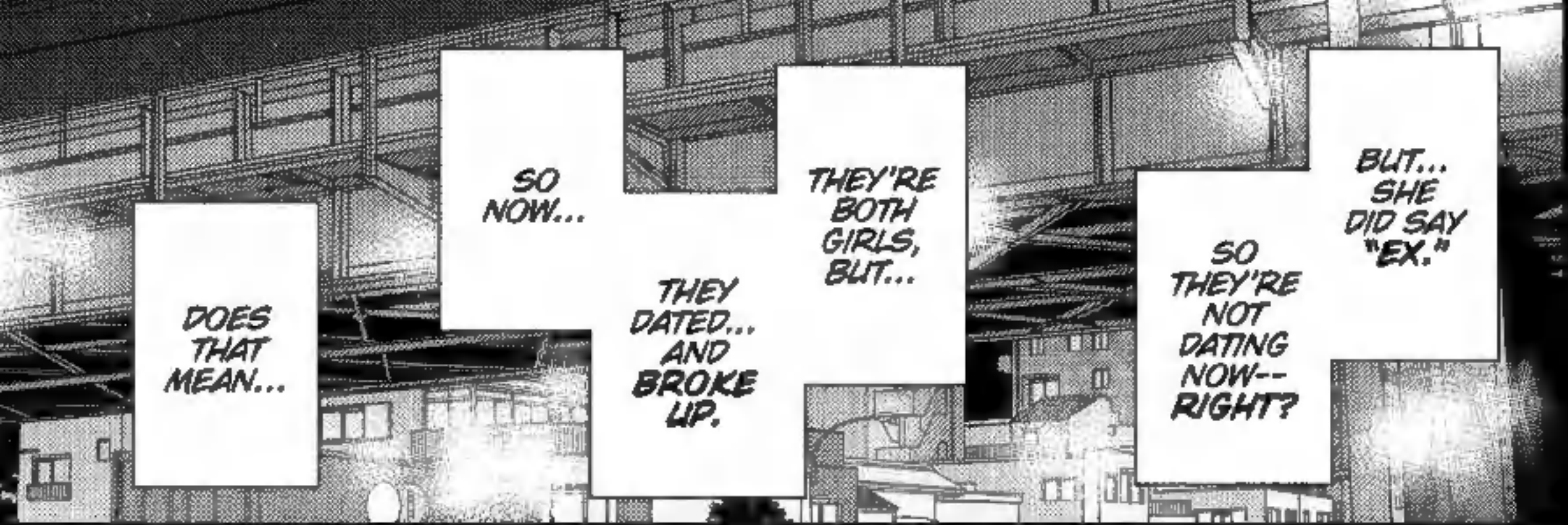
I  
WONDER  
IF THEY  
REALLY  
WERE  
DATING...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
THEY'RE  
BOTH  
GIRLS.

IT'D  
BE EASY  
TO FALL  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
HER.

I MEAN,  
SHE IS  
SUPER  
BEAUTIFUL,  
SO...









I'M SORRY...

AH, YOUR FOOT'S ALL RED!

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOON-ER?



TO BE HONEST ...

I KINDA FORGOT THAT IT HURT.



WANT TO SIT DOWN FOR A MOMENT?

HUH? OH...

MY SANDAL STRAP'S JUST BEEN BUGGING ME A BIT.

S-SURE...



HERE, LET ME PUT A BANDAGE ON IT FOR YOU.

AH! ///

PEEL

SHIFF

げんもりばし

\*Genmori Bridge













GURGLE

TEE  
HEE!

SHALL  
WE GET IN  
LINE FOR  
TAKOYAKI,  
THEN?

OH,  
YEAH--  
OUR  
SHOPPING  
DISTRICT'S  
FESTIVAL  
STARTS  
SOON,  
DOESN'T  
IT?

EHE  
HEH...

MAYBE  
THERE'S  
A...

OH,  
NOTHING!

HMM?

RIGHT--  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE EAT?

わあ  
FUSH

TAKOYAKI

たこ焼

YEAH,  
IT  
WILL!

YEAH...

IT'LL  
BE NICE  
TO WORK  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN,  
WON'T IT?

AND  
WE'RE  
WORKING  
THE SAME  
SHIFTS AGAIN  
STARTING IN  
TWO DAYS!

THAT'S  
RIGHT...

I GET  
TO WORK  
WITH HINA-  
CHAN AGAIN  
STARTING IN  
AUGUST!





N-  
NOTHING!

OH,  
TIME TO  
PLACE  
OUR  
ORDER!

WHA  
...?

HEE  
HEE!

REALLY,  
HANA-  
SAN...

YOU'RE  
TOO  
CUTE.



AND  
THERE'LL  
BE THE  
FESTIVAL,  
AND  
SUMMER  
VACATION  
...

OH,  
MAYBE  
I CAN  
INVITE  
HINA-  
CHAN  
OVER  
AGAIN,  
TOO!

TWING  
TWING

SPARKLE  
SPARKLE



I  
IMAGINED  
ALL  
SORTS OF  
THINGS.

MY  
HOPES  
WERE  
HIGH.

MAYBE  
THERE  
REALLY  
COULD  
BE...

A  
FUTURE  
FOR  
HINA-  
CHAN  
AND ME.



UNTIL...

SHE  
SHOWED  
UP.

THAT  
WAS  
HOW I  
FELT...

I  
WANTED  
THE  
SUMMER  
...

TO BE  
NOTHING  
BUT  
NON-  
STOP  
FUN.

























SO EVER SINCE, PEOPLE'VE BEEN CALLING ME HER EX! HA HA!

YEAH, HERE IT IS! FOR A FEATURE ON CUTE DATE OUTFITS.

WE DID DO A PHOTOSHOOT WHERE WE GOT TO GO ON A DATE. SEE?

HINAKO PLAYED THE BOY-FRIEND. ISN'T SHE [REDACTED]?

A PHOTO-SHOOT?

AND I WAS HER GIRL-FRIEND!

BUT FOR SOME REASON THE STORY ENDED WITH HINAKO'S CHARACTER DUMPING ME.

...

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE REALLY MAD ABOUT, HUH?  
HOO BOY...

AND THAT'S WHY YOU TOTALLY GHOSTED ME? ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH?

SIGH

I DID! I'M IN NAGOYA NOW.

SERIOUSLY, WHY ARE YOU [REDACTED]?

I THOUGHT YOU MOVED AWAY.

BACK THEN, I WAS AFRAID I WOULDN'T GET ANY MORE MODELING WORK...

ESPECIALLY AFTER THEY INVITED YOU TO MODEL FOR THEM EXCLUSIVELY AND KICKED [REDACTED] TO THE CURB.





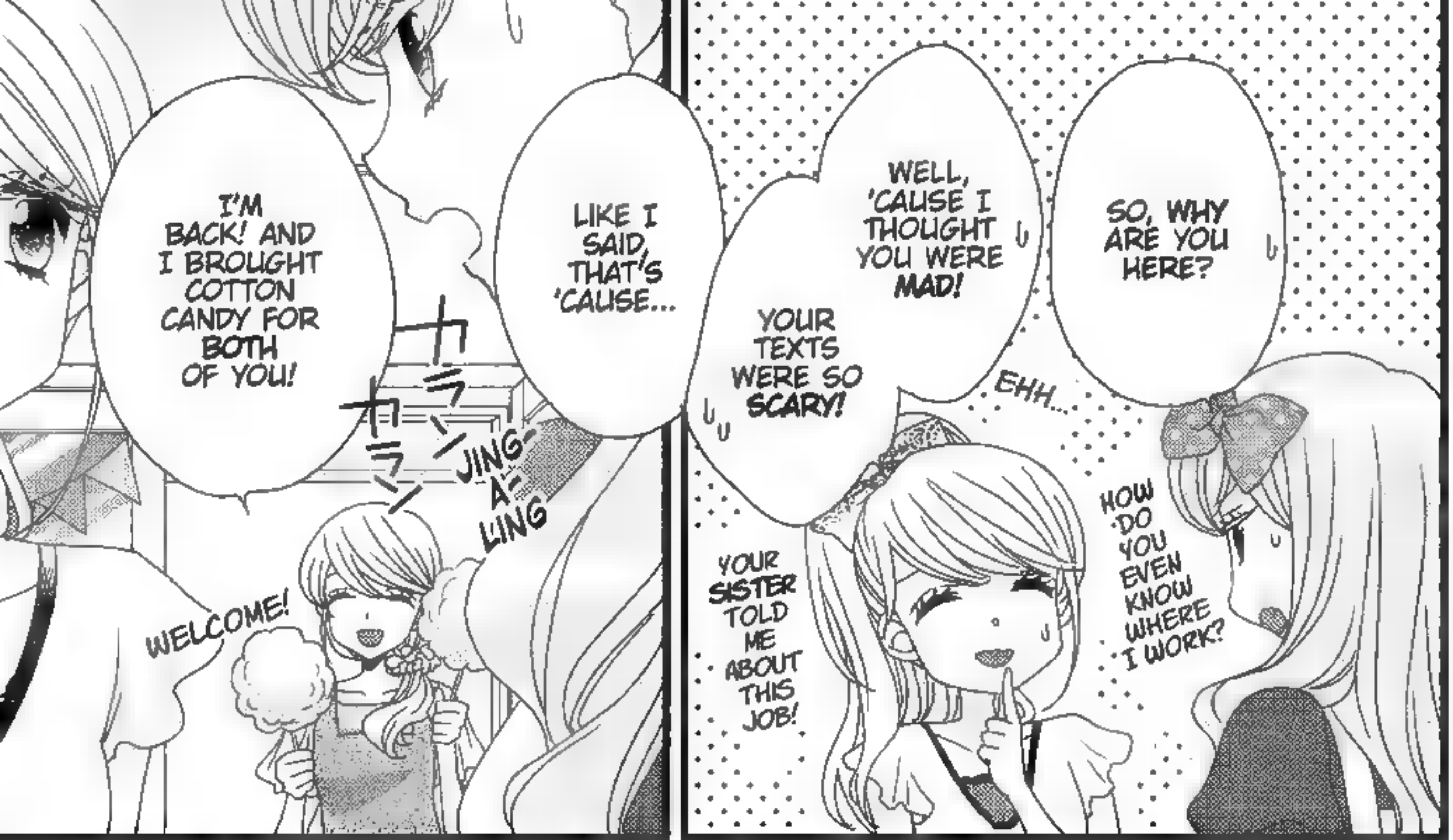




I  
DON'T  
DATE  
GIRLS  
OR ANY-  
THING.

I'M  
NORMAL,  
OKAY?













I  
GUESS...

I'M GLAD  
YOU TWO  
WERE  
ABLE TO  
CLEAR  
THE AIR!

HUH?  
NOT AT  
ALL!



I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
SHE  
DRAGGED  
YOU INTO  
HER LITTLE  
HISSY  
FIT...

I'M  
REALLY  
SORRY  
ABOUT  
ALL THE  
DRAMA  
WITH  
MAIKO  
TODAY.



DURING  
SUMMER  
BREAK...

WOULD  
YOU MAYBE  
WANT TO GO  
SHOPPING  
TOGETHER  
AND  
STUFF?



.....



HMM?

HANA-  
SAN?

U-  
UM...





SHOPPING  
WITH  
HINA-CHAN?

SOUNDS  
LIKE  
FUN...

I WANNA  
KNOW  
WHERE  
YOU LIKE  
TO GO  
SHOPPING!

LIKE,  
YOUR  
FAVORITE  
BRANDS  
AND  
STUFF...

RIGHT?

/// GREAT!

YEAH,  
SURE...

WE'LL  
PICK A  
DATE  
SOON,  
OKAY?



IT'S  
BEEN A  
WHILE...

SINCE  
I WENT  
CLOTHES  
SHOPPING.



COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT...









THIS  
IS  
FINE.



IF I  
FEEL  
SAD...

OR  
UPSET...

IT'S  
NORMAL.





IF MY  
CHEST  
ACHES...

LIKE I'M  
ABOUT  
TO FALL  
APART...

IF ALL  
I CAN  
THINK  
ABOUT...

IS  
HINA-  
CHAN...

"I DON'T  
DATE  
GIRLS OR  
ANYTHING.

"I'M  
NORMAL,  
OKAY?"





OF  
COURSE...

I'M  
SUCH AN  
IDIOT.

HINA-  
CHAN...

FALL IN  
LOVE  
WITH ME.

WOULD  
NEVER...







THE SHOP  
STAYED  
PRETTY  
BUSY WITH  
STUDENTS  
ON  
SUMMER  
BREAK.

EVEN  
AFTER THE  
SHOPPING  
DISTRICT  
FESTIVAL  
ENDED...

I VISITED  
MY FAMILY  
IN THE COUN-  
TRYSIDE  
DURING  
OBON.



DURING  
A 24-  
HOUR  
TV  
MARA-  
THON, I  
TEXTED  
WITH

SINCE WE'RE NAKANO-  
FANS OF THE  
SAME  
BOY-  
BAND.

BEFORE  
I KNEW  
IT...

THERE  
WERE ONLY  
A FEW DAYS  
LEFT OF  
SUMMER  
BREAK.

H-  
HANA-  
SAN...

DID  
YOU GO  
TO A SALE  
SOME-  
WHERE?

CHAPTER-14 :



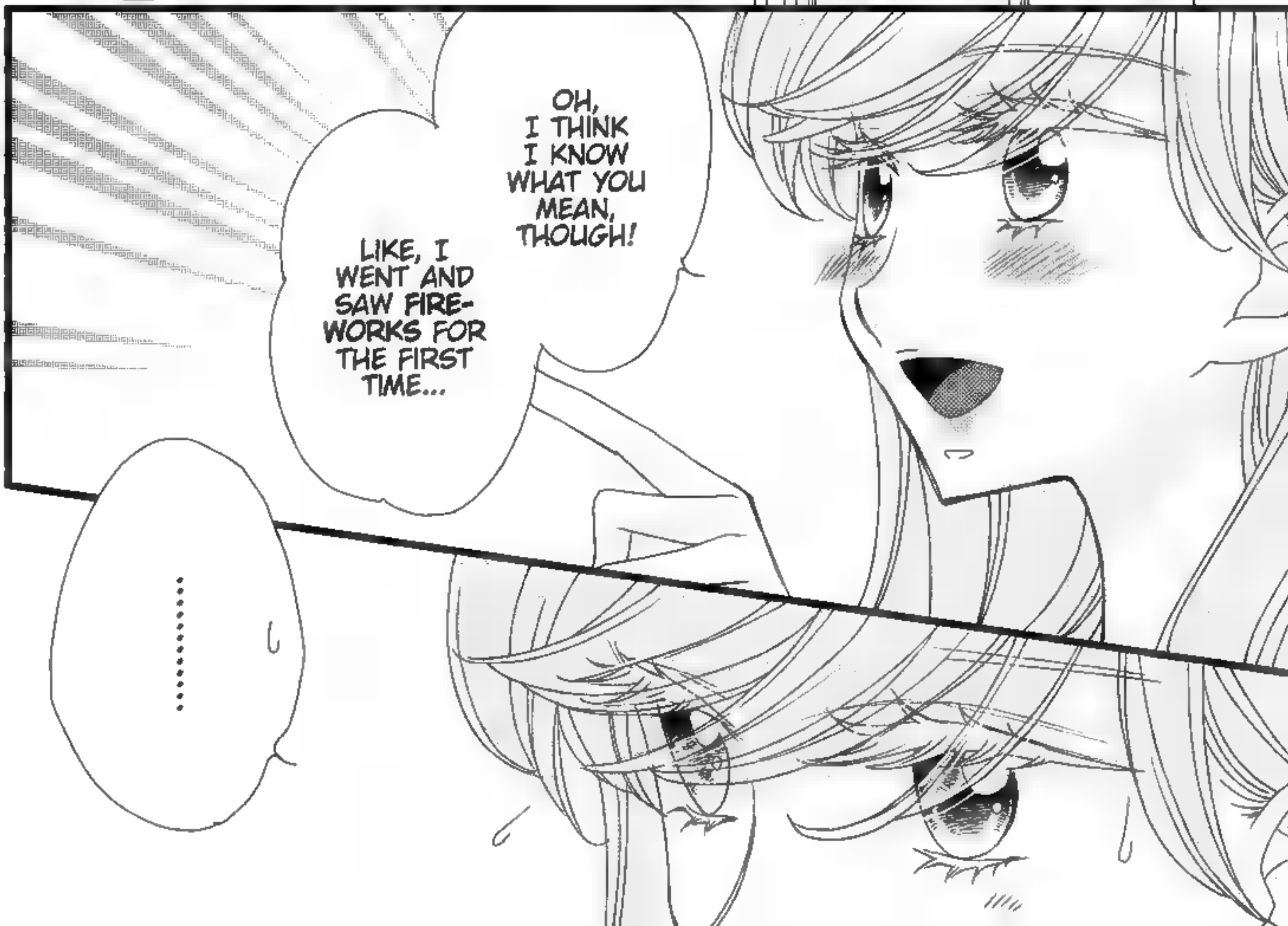
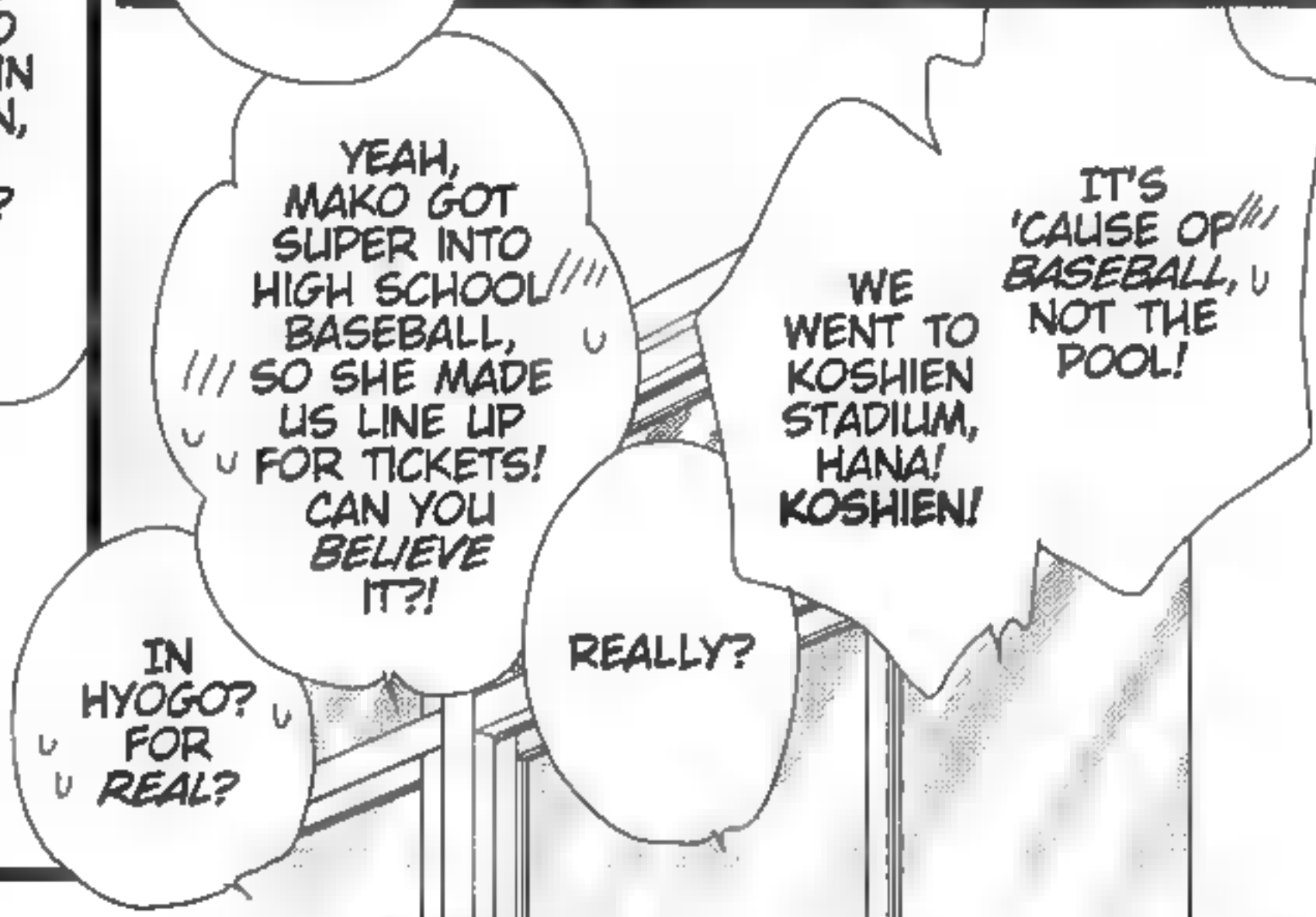
















OH... MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH THAT CO-WORKER SHE LIKED?

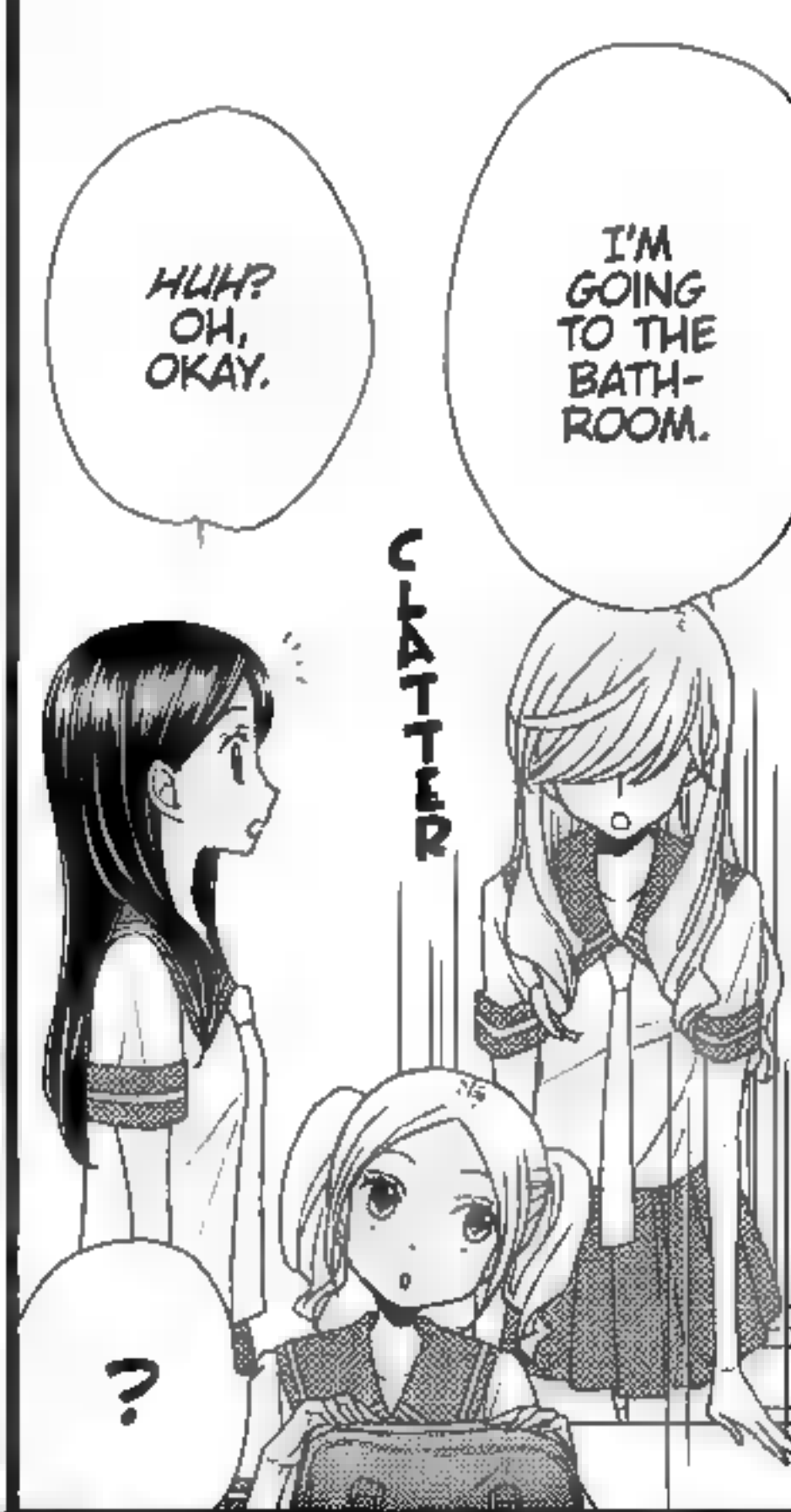
LIKE, A SUMMER FLING? OH MY GOD!



BUT SHE HAD WORK, RIGHT?

MAYBE SHE WANTED TO COME TO KOSHIEEN WITH US, TOO?

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?



HUH? OH, OKAY.

I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM.

CLATTER

?



SEEING FIREWORKS UP CLOSE FOR THE FIRST TIME...

IT REALLY WAS BEAUTIFUL.

WE WORE YUKATA TOGETHER, TOO.











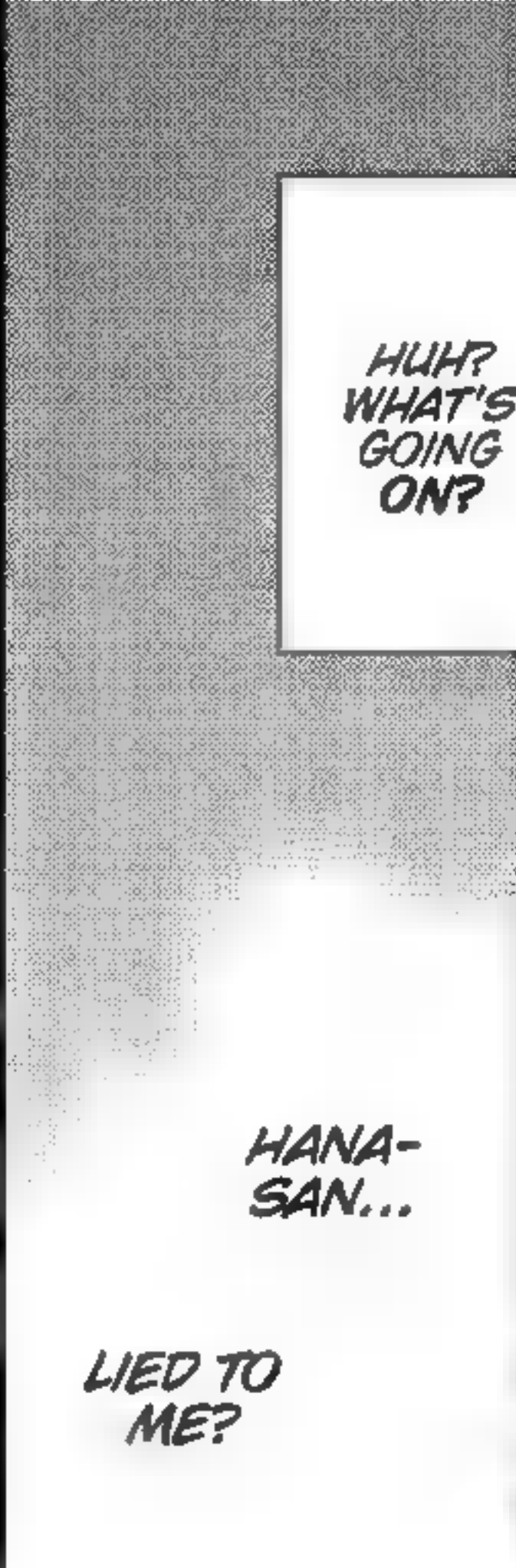


OH,  
WHOOPS!

WE  
SHOULDN'T  
TALK ABOUT  
YOUR  
JOB AT  
SCHOOL...

GLANCE

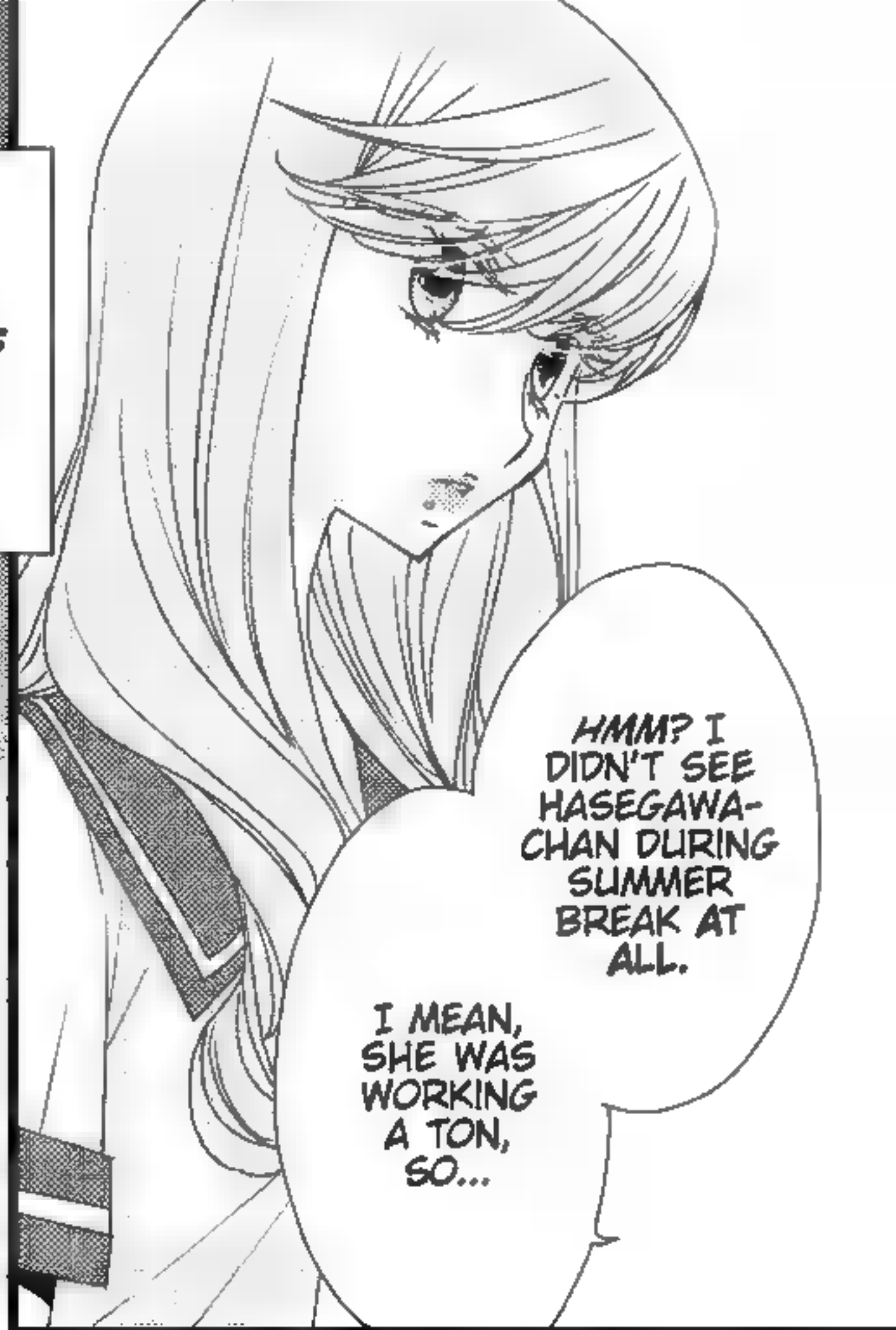
AH!



HUH?  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

HANA-  
SAN...

LIED TO  
ME?



HMM? I  
DIDN'T SEE  
HASEGAWA-  
CHAN DURING  
SUMMER  
BREAK AT  
ALL.

I MEAN,  
SHE WAS  
WORKING  
A TON,  
SO...



LOOK,  
I JUST  
RAN INTO  
HINA-  
CHAN!



HEEEY,  
HASEGAWA-  
CHAAAAN!

GOOD  
MORNING!





TH-  
THERE'S  
THE  
BELL. WE  
BETTER  
GET TO  
CLASS!

AH...U



SEE  
YA!

LET'S  
GO,  
NAKANO-  
CHAN!

UH,  
SEE YOU  
LATER  
HINAKO-  
CHAN...



GOOD  
MORNING.

HA...

G-GOOD  
MORNING,  
NAKANO-  
CHAN...

AND,  
UH...

HASE-  
GAWA-  
SENPAI  
...

HINAKO-  
CHAN...U

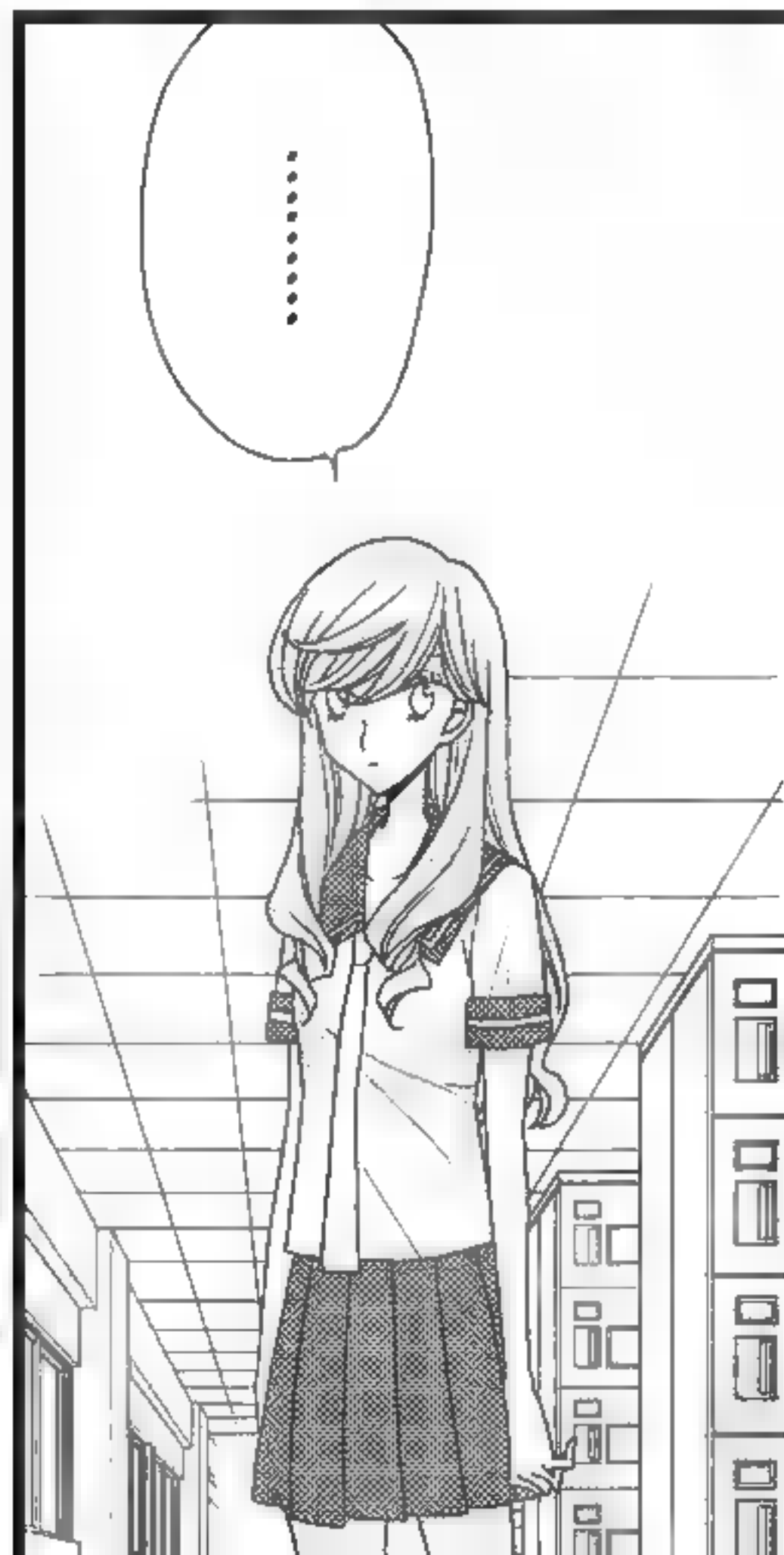
AH

ACTING  
FORMAL  
'CAUSE  
WE'RE AT  
SCHOOL,  
RIGHT?

HUH  
?



HANA-  
SAN...?











NOW,  
BEFORE  
THE  
OPENING  
CERE-  
MONY...

THANK  
YOU.  
GOOD  
MORNING,  
EVERY-  
ONE.

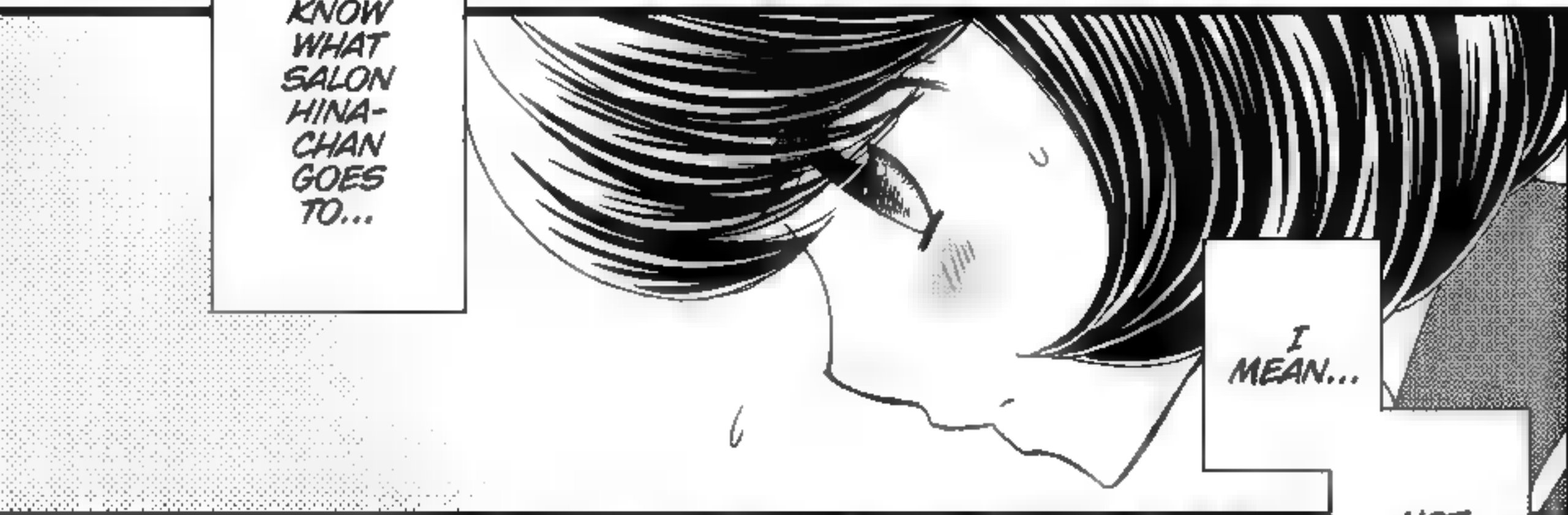
SCRAPE

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
SALON  
HINA-  
CHAN  
GOES  
TO...



TAKE  
YOUR  
SEATS,  
PLEASE.

NOW,  
NOW!  
SUMMER  
VACATION  
IS OVER,  
YOU  
KNOW!



I  
MEAN...



HINAKO-  
CHAAAAN!

BLINK

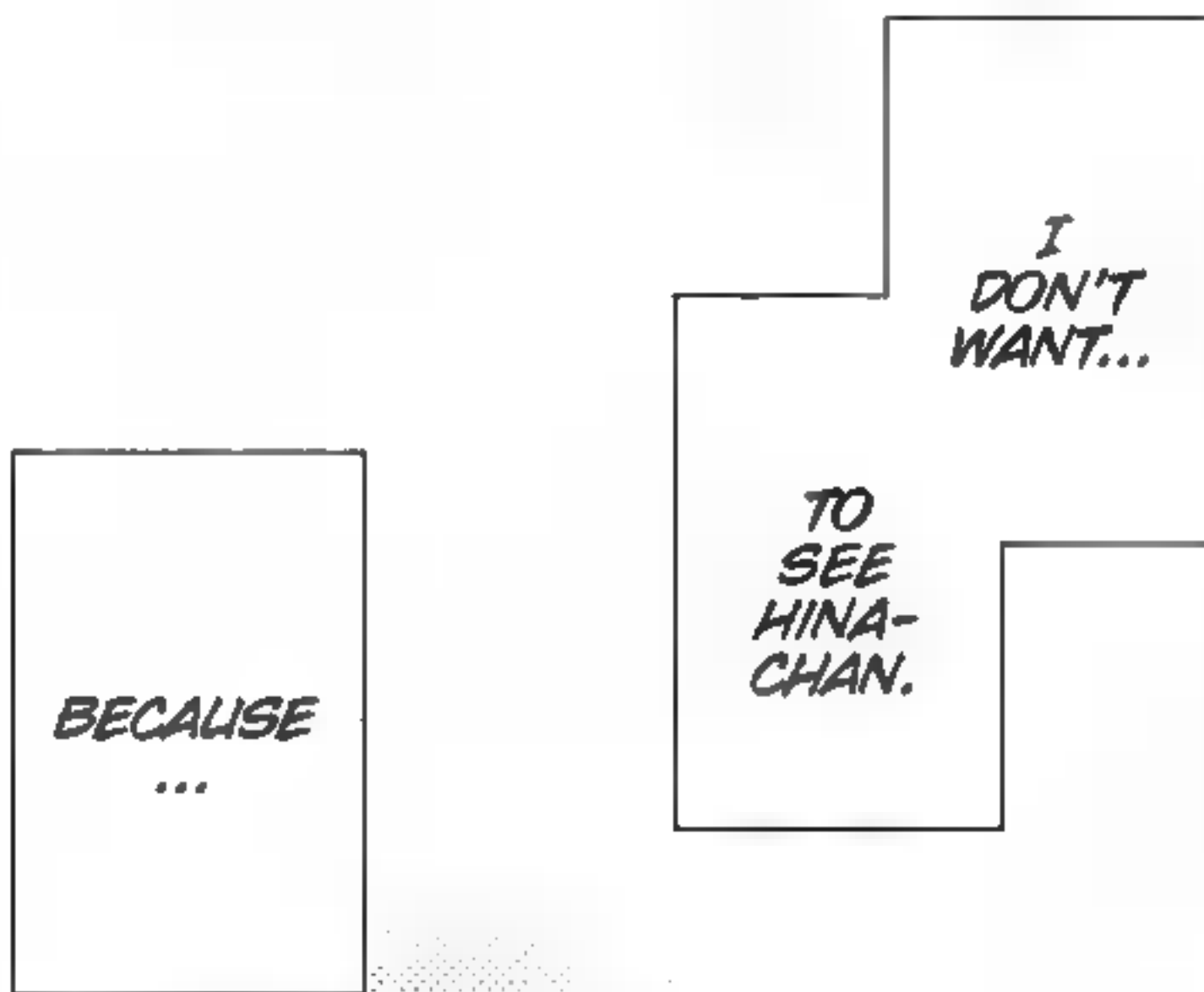
NOT  
THAT I'D  
NEED  
TO, BUT  
STILL...

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER









YEAH.

DO YOU  
HAVE THE  
DAY OFF  
FROM  
WORK  
TODAY?



GLANCE

THEN  
YOU WANNA  
STOP BY  
THAT NEW  
DONUT  
PLACE?

I DON'T  
WANT  
TO SEE  
HER...

BUT...



IT  
HURTS  
...

EVERY  
TIME  
I SEE  
HER.

I  
COULDN'T  
GO  
SHOPPING  
WITH  
HER...

NOT  
LIKE  
THIS.



KA-  
CHAK

I DIDN'T  
GET  
TO SEE  
HANA-  
SAN...

AT  
SCHOOL  
OR ON  
THE WAY  
HOME.



THE NEXT  
DAY.

FANTASY SHOP  
POPURI





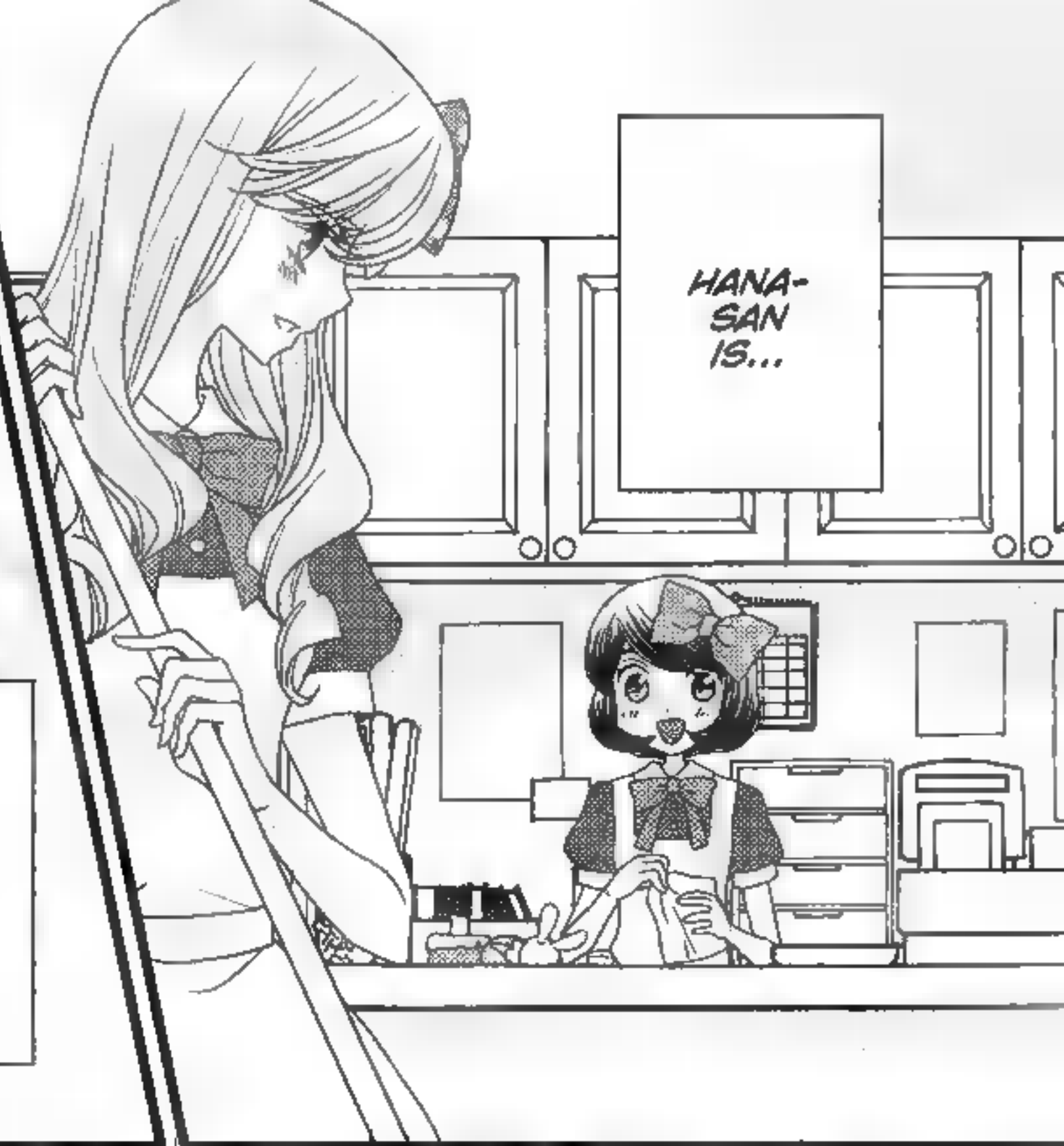








THE  
SAME  
AS  
ALWAYS.



HANA-  
SAN  
IS...



AM I  
JUST  
IMAGINING  
THINGS?

READING  
TOO  
MUCH  
INTO IT?



THE ONE  
FROM THE  
FIELD DAY,  
RIGHT?

SOME-  
THING IS  
DEFINITELY  
A LITTLE  
BIT OFF.



BUT...

OH,  
HEY!

ISN'T  
THAT  
YOUR  
SENPAI?



BUT AS  
LONG AS  
I CAN SEE  
HER AT  
WORK...

THAT'S  
ENOUGH  
FOR ME.

AREN'T  
YOU  
GONNA  
SAY HI?

NAH,  
IT'S  
FINE.

IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
WE'RE  
THAT  
CLOSE.

MAYBE  
IT'S LIKE  
BEFORE  
...

WHEN SHE  
WANTED TO  
KEEP SOME  
DISTANCE  
AT SCHOOL.

HUH?  
REALLY?

GLANCE

BEFORE  
LONG...

WE'D  
STOPPED  
TALKING  
AT  
SCHOOL  
ALTO-  
GETHER.





STUFF WE CAN FINISH BEFORE THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

I THINK IT MIGHT BE BEST TO STICK TO THE BASICS, LIKE SCRUNCH-IES AND HAIR ELASTICS...

HMM, A LOT OF PARENTS WILL PROBABLY COME, SO...

MAYBE POT-HOLDERS, TOO?

AH, GOOD IDEA!

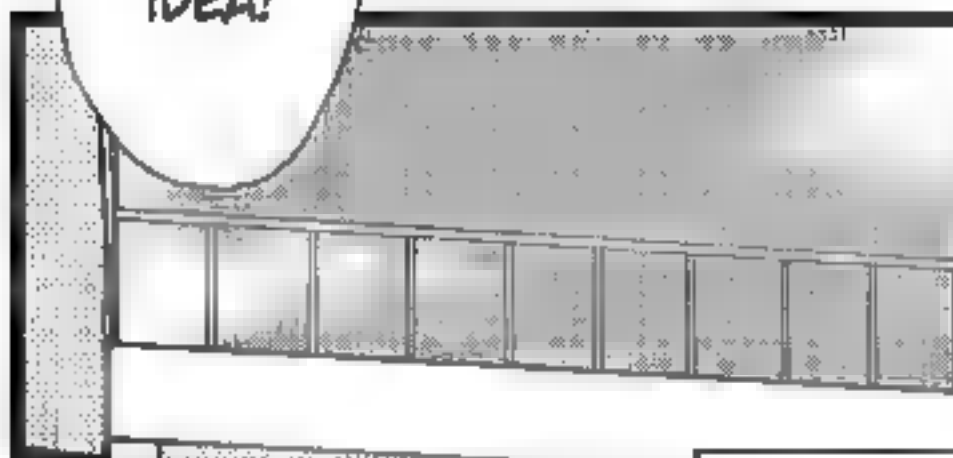


OH, NOTHING!

HMM? WHAT'S UP?

PROBABLY SOME KIND OF ACCESSORIES, RIGHT? OR MAYBE...

SO ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SELL?



IT HURTS ...

WHEN I SEE HINA-CHAN.



THAT'S HINA-CHAN'S CLASS-ROOM.



I HATE THIS FEELING.

BUT...





HUH?  
OH,  
OKAY!

SORRY,  
TAKAGI-  
SAN, I'M  
SORTA  
IN A  
HURRY.

HEY, WHAT  
SHOP DO  
YOU THINK  
THIS IS,  
THOUGH?

IT  
MENTIONS  
HINAKO!

SHE'S  
MODELING  
AGAIN!

MAI-MAI'S  
BLOG  
ON THE  
MILTEEN  
SITE UP-  
DATED FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME IN  
AGES!

HEY,  
HASE-  
GAWA-  
SAN,  
LOOK  
AT  
THIS!

I'M  
WORK-  
ING  
TODAY!

I  
HAVE TO  
HURRY!

PROBABLY  
THE  
ONE SHE  
AT,  
RIGHT?

DO SHOPS  
LIKE THAT  
NORMALLY  
HAVE  
UNIFORMS?

DEEP  
DOWN, I  
KNOW...

THAT I'M  
CONTRA-  
DICTING  
MYSELF.

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Ta-da! A hair clip I bought at  
the shop Hinako works at! ♡  
There's sooooo much cute stuff  
there! (★▽★)♪

Hinako looked so cute in their  
uniform, too! (= '▽ '=)/  
Here's a photo from the time we  
did princess outfits together! ★







AND  
YET...

BECAUSE  
OF THAT,  
IT'S NOT  
FUN LIKE  
IT USED  
TO BE.

IT'S  
ALWAYS  
LIKE  
THAT  
WHEN  
I SEE  
YOU.



WHEN I  
THINK  
OF  
YOU...

IT  
HURTS  
SO  
MUCH.



I STILL  
WANT  
TO SEE  
YOU.

THAT'S  
ALL I  
KNOW.

I  
MISS  
YOU.

I  
MISS  
YOU.





DOES  
IT  
MEAN?

WHAT...

HANA-  
SAN!

WHY DO I  
WANT TO  
CRY...

WHENEVER  
I SEE  
YOU?





I WON'T GET TO HAVE AS MUCH TIME ALONE WITH HINA-CHAN.

IF IT'S TOO BUSY...

YEAH... BUT...

I'M GLAD THE SHOPPING DISTRICT'S GETTING MORE TRAFFIC.

GOOD IDEA. ASIDE FROM TODAY, IT'S BEEN WEIRDLY BUSY LATELY, DON'T YOU THINK?

YEAH... MAYBE WE SHOULD USE THIS TIME TO RE-STOCK THE SHELVES?

WE DON'T GET A LOT OF CUSTOMERS ON RAINY DAYS, DO WE?

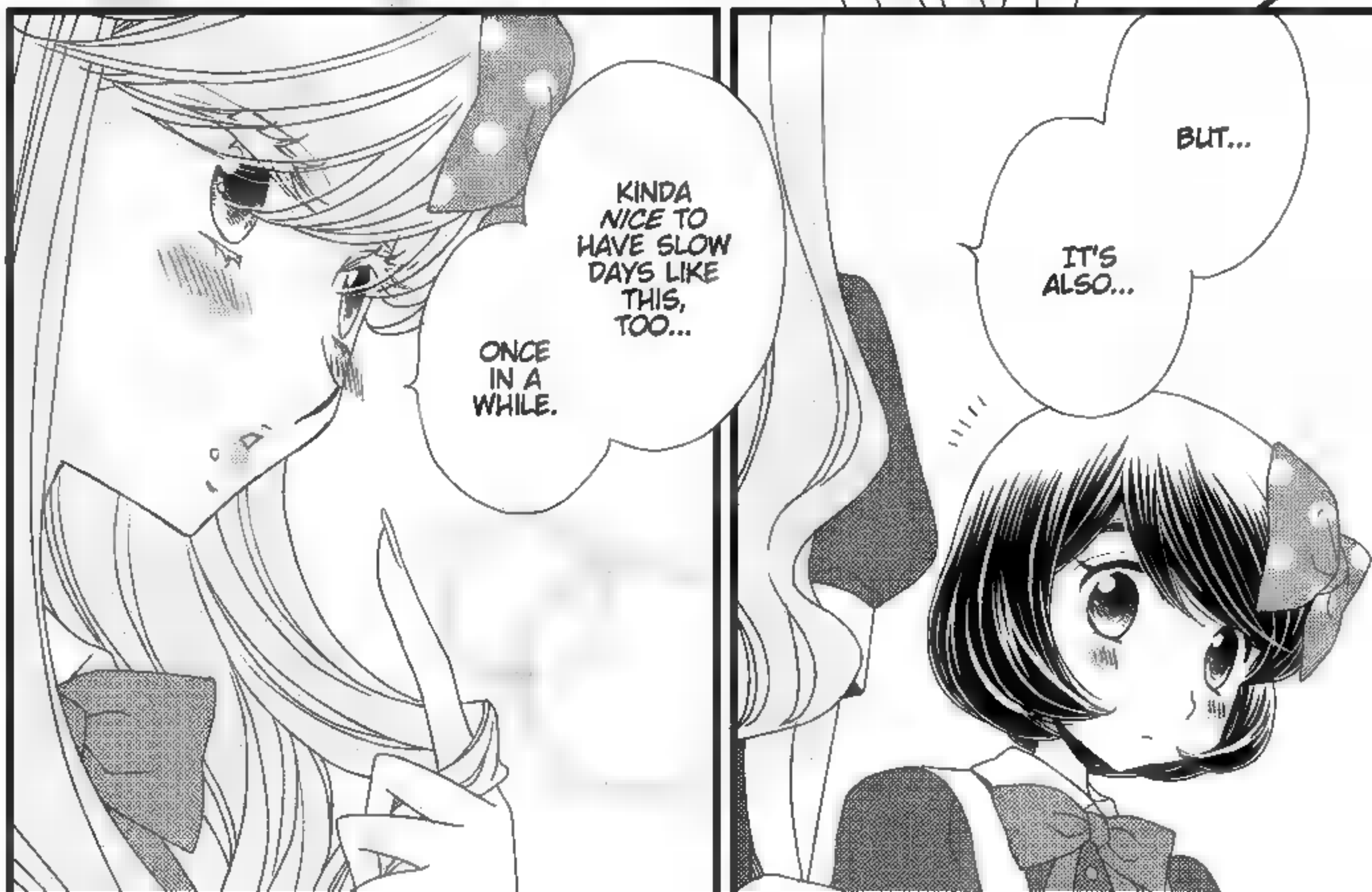
SHAA

AH!

I WANT HINA-CHAN...

ALL TO MYSELF.

OH, I SEE...



KINDA NICE TO HAVE SLOW DAYS LIKE THIS, TOO...

ONCE IN A WHILE.

BUT...

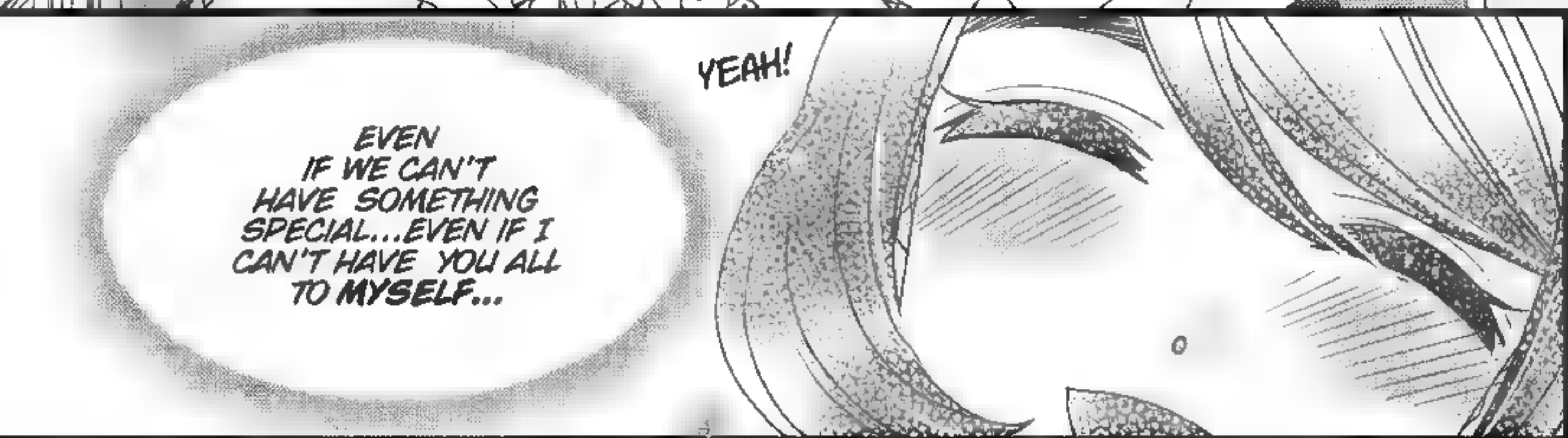
IT'S ALSO...





THAT'S  
ENOUGH  
FOR ME.

A PLACE  
JUST FOR  
THE TWO  
OF US...



YEAH!

EVEN  
IF WE CAN'T  
HAVE SOMETHING  
SPECIAL...EVEN IF I  
CAN'T HAVE YOU ALL  
TO MYSELF...



JING-A-  
LING  
+ + +

GOOD  
MORNING!



♪

AS LONG  
AS WE HAVE  
THIS PLACE...



LET'S  
NOT TELL  
THE  
BOSS  
THAT,  
THOUGH!





HUH?  
WHY? DID  
HINA-CHAN  
CHANGE  
HER  
SHIFT?

IT  
LOOKS  
LIKE YOU  
MIGHT  
ALONE  
AGAIN ON  
MONDAYS  
FOR A  
WHILE.

I GOT  
INOUE-  
SAN TO  
COME  
IN FOR  
TODAY,  
BLT...

AH,  
HANA-  
CHAN.

SORRY,  
I KNOW  
IT'S BEEN  
BUSY  
LATELY...



AH,  
GOOD  
MORNING!

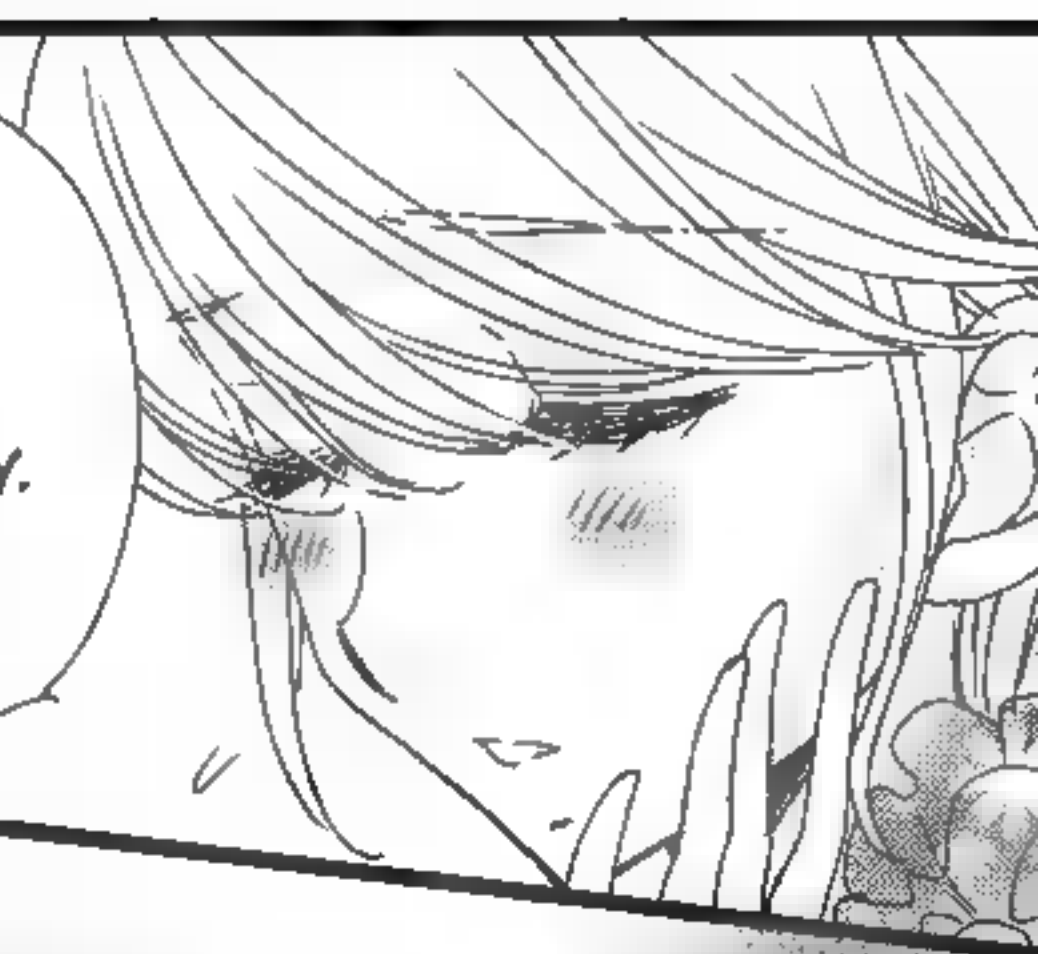
DID  
HINA-  
CHAN  
TAKE  
TODAY  
OFF?

HUH?  
INOUE-  
SAN?



NO,  
NOT  
EXACTLY.

IT'S A  
REAL  
SHAME,  
BLT...



HINA-CHAN  
JUST  
SUDDENLY  
QUIT.

OUR SPECIAL PLACE, WHERE  
WE CAN BE TOGETHER...



CHAPTER 15

QUIT  
WORKING  
AT THE  
SHOP.

OUT  
OF NO-  
WHERE

...

HINA-  
CHAN...







AND I  
HAVE HER  
NUMBER.

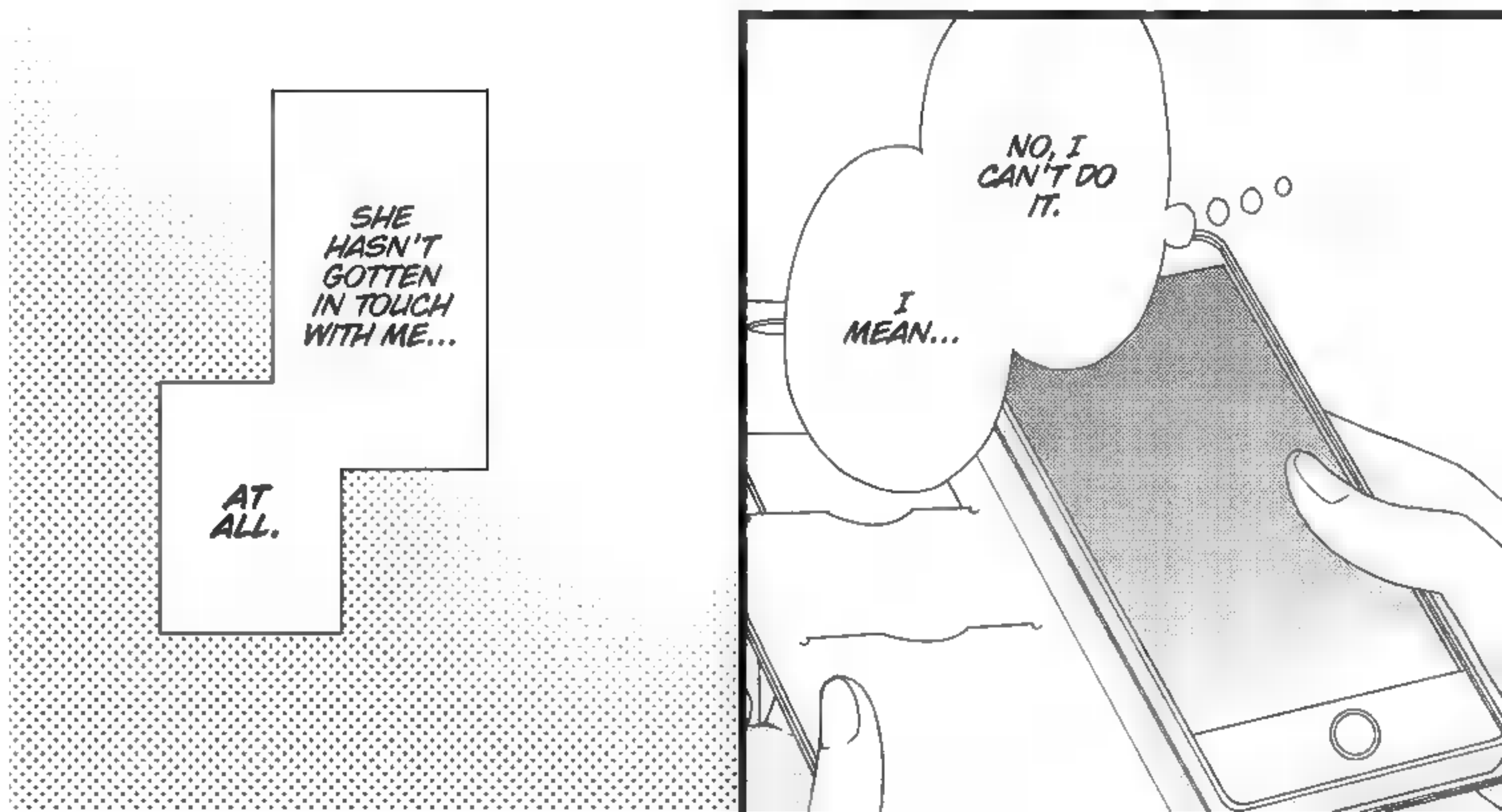
I  
COULD  
JUST  
TEXT  
HER.

I STILL  
SEE  
HER AT  
SCHOOL  
SOME-  
TIMES.

IT'S NOT  
LIKE HINA-  
CHAN IS  
GONE.



BUT...



SHE  
HASN'T  
GOTTEN  
IN TOUCH  
WITH ME...

AT  
ALL.

NO, I  
CAN'T DO  
IT.

I  
MEAN...









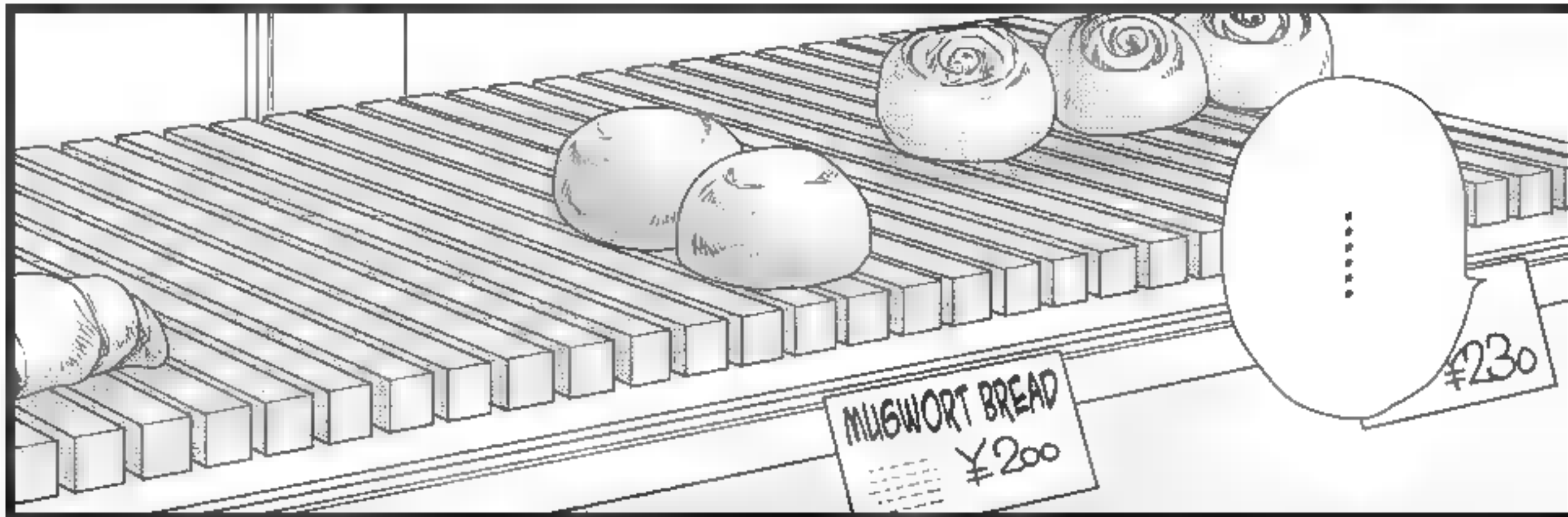














OH,  
YEAH...

IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
I WAS  
WORKING  
THERE...

JUST  
BECAUSE  
OF HINA-  
CHAN.



AND I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
TRY THE  
MUGWORT  
BREAD!

I WAS  
ALWAYS  
ALONE,  
ANYWAY.

AND I  
ALWAYS  
LIKED  
THIS  
BAKERY,  
TOO.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE



I'D LIKE  
TO GET  
SHOES,  
TOO!

I NEVER  
ENDED UP  
CHECKING  
OUT THE  
SUMMER  
SALES...



I SAVED  
UP A BIT  
OF CASH--I  
SHOULD GO  
SHOPPING  
FOR FALL  
CLOTHES!

LET ME  
CHECK  
THOSE  
FASHION  
MAGAZINES  
I BOUGHT  
...

I  
WANTED  
TO WORK  
THERE  
BECAUSE  
THE UNI-  
FORM  
WAS  
CLITE!

AND  
BECAUSE  
I WANTED  
MONEY TO  
BUY MORE  
CLITE  
CLOTHES,  
OF  
COURSE.





I'M  
SUCH...

AN  
IDIOT.



I LIED  
TO HINA-  
CHAN...



I  
SHOULD'VE  
KNOWN...

THAT  
I LOVED  
HINA-CHAN  
THIS MUCH.





BACK  
THEN...

AND  
THAT  
TIME,  
TOO.

I WAS  
ALREADY  
IN LOVE.

I LOVE  
HINA-  
CHAN...

AND NOT  
JUST AS A  
FRIEND.





I DIDN'T  
REALIZE...

BUT I  
WAS TOO  
STUPID...

TO  
REALIZE  
IT.

HOW  
HAPPY I  
WAS...

UNTIL IT  
WAS TOO  
LATE.



IF I'M  
SAD OR  
UPSET,  
THEY  
ALWAYS  
MAKE  
ME FEEL  
BETTER.

I KNOW  
HINA-CHAN  
DOES THE  
SAME  
THING.



MAYBE  
IF I BUY  
SOME CLITE  
CLOTHES...

IT'LL  
CHEER  
ME UP.



I HAVE  
TO STOP  
DOING  
THIS.

SHAKE  
SHAKE

I HAVE  
TO STOP  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
HER.

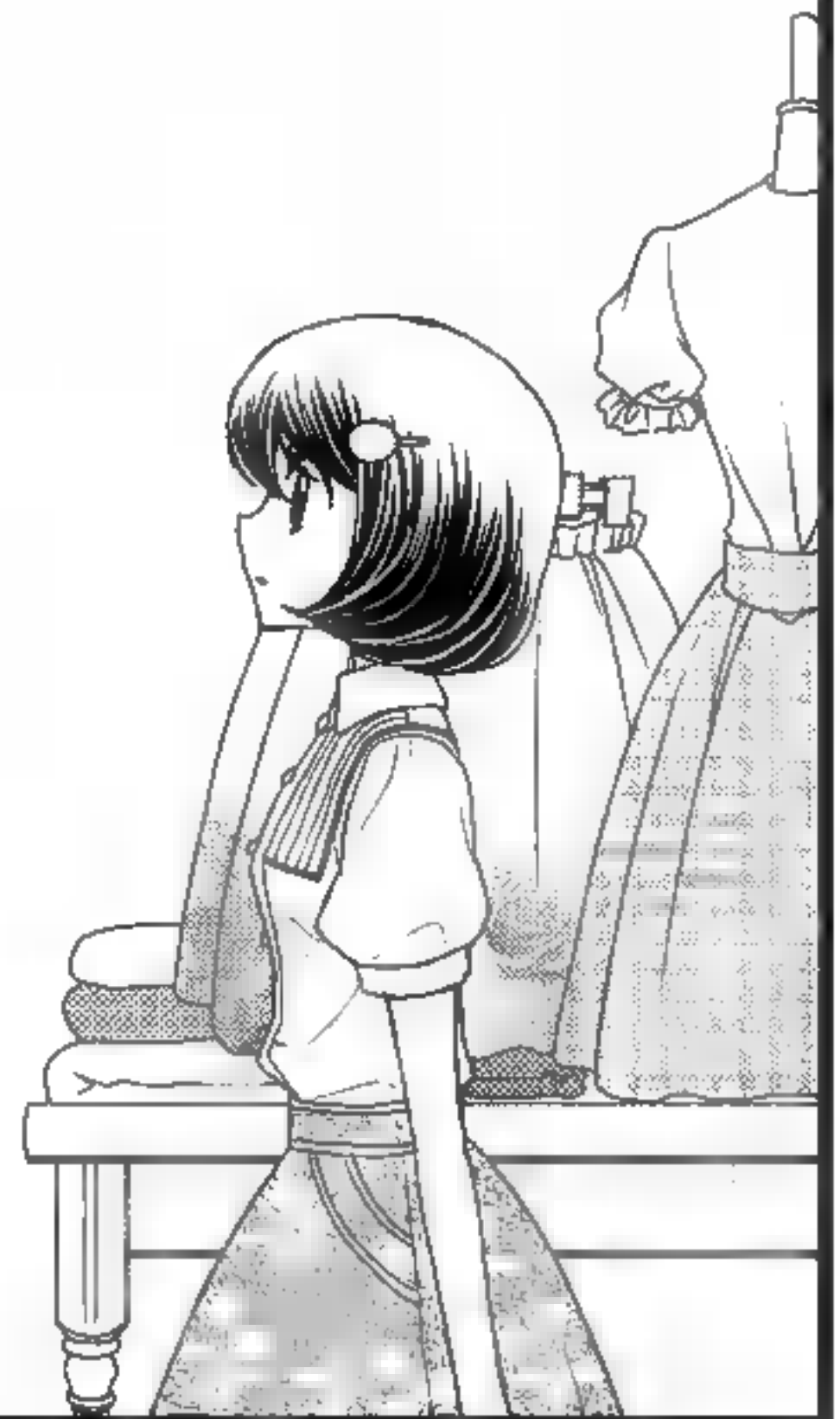
OOPS!



I CAN'T  
KEEP  
THINKING  
ABOUT...













LI-LIM...  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE...?

UH,  
LET'S  
GET  
OUT OF  
HERE.



HANA-  
SAN?!

HUH...? ///

S-  
SORRY  
...



ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?





WAIT,  
SHOULDN'T  
I BE  
THE ONE  
ASKING  
YOU  
THAT?!

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO QUIT  
OUT OF  
NOWHERE,  
HINA-  
CHAN!

AH!  
YEAH,  
THAT'S  
TRUE...

I'M  
SORRY...



DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN?

W-  
WELL...

LIKE,  
LIM...

A  
LOT, I  
GUESS  
...



LIM,  
I ALREADY  
DRANK OUT  
OF THIS, BUT  
YOU CAN  
HAVE THE  
REST, IF YOU  
WANT IT...



HUH?

I  
THOUGHT  
THAT THE  
SCHOOL  
MIGHT  
FIND OUT.

NO, LIM,  
THE REAL  
REASON  
IS...

BUT  
WHY? DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN AT  
HOME?

LIKE,  
SOME BIG  
REASON  
YOU HAD  
TO QUIT...

WELL...  
I GUESS  
I OVER-  
THOUGHT  
IT...

I  
WANTED  
TO TELL  
YOU, OF  
COURSE,  
BUT...



NO  
ONE'S SAID  
ANYTHING  
TO ME  
ABOUT  
IT AT  
SCHOOL  
YET,  
BUT...

IT'S  
MAIKO...  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
THAT  
GIRL!

SHE  
WROTE  
ABOUT  
MY JOB  
ON HER  
BLOG.

I'M  
SOOOO  
SORRY!!

GOD,  
THAT  
IDIOT...

I  
THOUGHT  
IF I QUIT  
NOW...

AT  
LEAST  
YOU'D  
BE SAFE,  
HANA-SAN.



WHY'D  
SHE DO  
THAT?

REALLY,  
THAT'S  
JUST...



I'M  
SURE I  
CAUSED  
THE  
MANAGER  
A LOT OF  
PROB-  
LEMS,  
TOO...

I'M SO  
SORRY  
FOR  
MAKING  
YOU  
WORRY...

SIGH

SO,  
HINA-  
CHAN  
LEFT THE  
STORE...

SO  
THAT I  
WOULDN'T  
GET  
CAUGHT?



THAT'S  
JUST  
NOT  
FAIR.



AND I  
FIGURED YOU  
PROBABLY  
WANTED  
TO KEEP  
WORKING  
THERE.

I WAS  
ALREADY  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
QUITTING

/// ALL  
THIS...

P-  
PLEASE  
DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT!

AND  
THAT WAY  
I'D STILL  
GET TO  
SEE YOU  
WHEN I  
SHOPPED  
THERE...

THAT'S  
AWFUL...

U WHA...?



U HUH?!

WHAT  
THE--?!



THAT  
WAS THE  
ONLY  
PLACE...

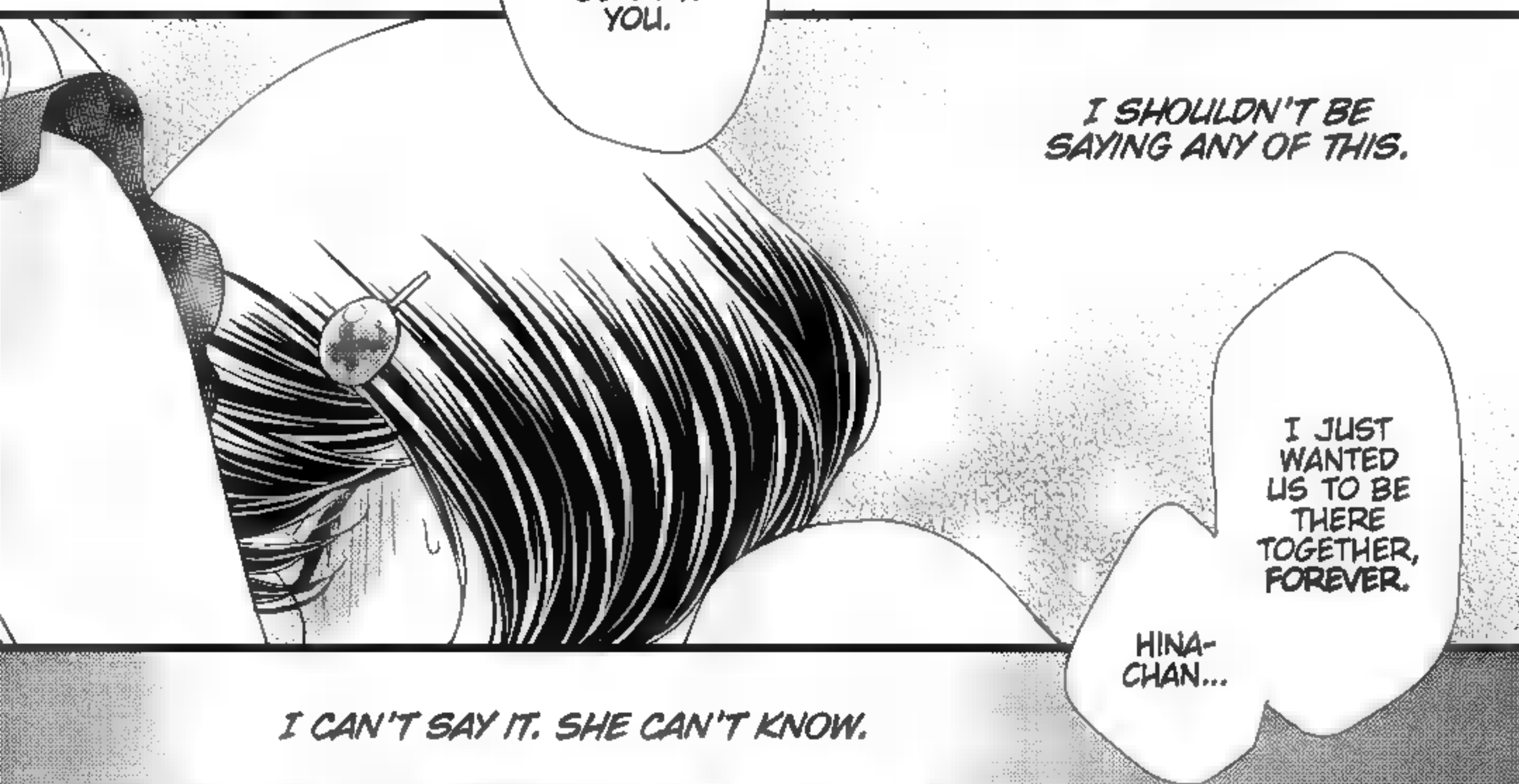
WHERE  
I COULD  
BE WITH  
YOU.

AH...  
UM...

I'M  
SORRY...

YOU  
CAN'T JUST  
SUDDENLY  
DECIDE...

THAT  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT I'D  
WANT.



I SHOULDN'T BE  
SAYING ANY OF THIS.

I JUST  
WANTED  
US TO BE  
THERE  
TOGETHER,  
FOREVER.

HINA-  
CHAN...

I CAN'T SAY IT. SHE CAN'T KNOW.



JUST  
YOU  
AND  
ME...






SHE  
DOESN'T  
MEAN IT  
LIKE THAT.

I'M  
JUST  
BEING  
WEIRD.



I'M JUST  
HEARING  
THE  
THINGS I  
WANT TO  
HEAR.



EVEN THOUGH  
I WAS TRYING  
TO BURY MY  
FEELINGS...

SO THAT  
I WOULDN'T  
HURT HER.





OH,  
HANA-  
SAN...

HANA-  
SAN...



PRESSED  
AGAINST  
HER CHEST,  
I COULD  
FEEL HER  
HEART-  
BEAT...

HINA-  
CHAN'S  
SLENDER  
ARMS...

POUNDING  
JUST LIKE  
MINE.

HUGGED  
ME SO  
TIGHTLY IT  
HURT.

THE SKY  
WAS THE  
BLUEST  
I'D EVER  
SEEN.

I FELT  
AS IF I'D  
DRAWN  
BREATH...

FOR  
THE  
VERY  
FIRST  
TIME.





**EACH  
TIME I  
BREATHED  
IN...**

**HINA-  
CHAN'S  
SCENT  
FILLED MY  
HEART TO  
THE BRIM.**

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: **CHAPTER 16** :  
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DOES  
SHE USE  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOM  
SHAMPOO?

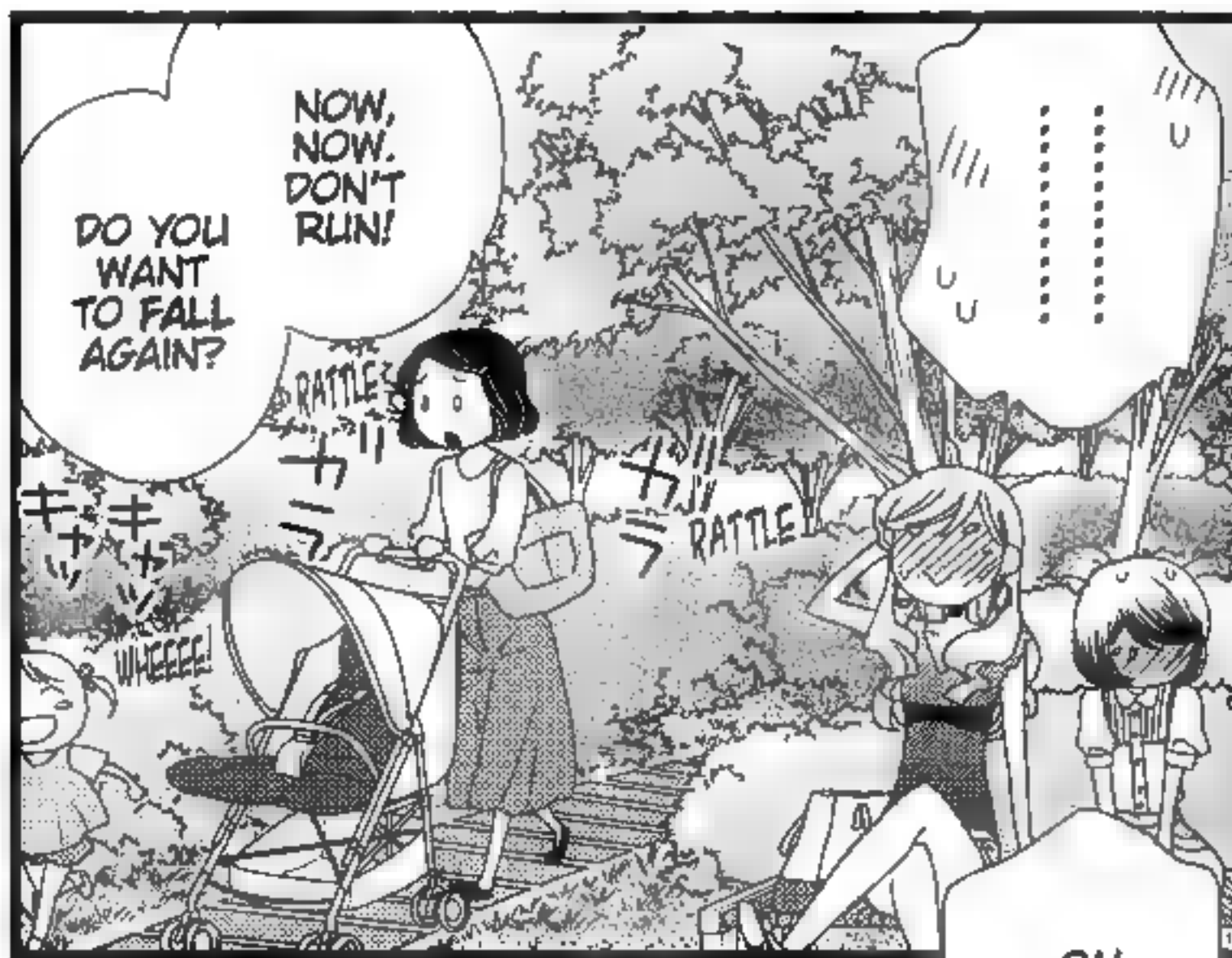
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

SHE  
WAS SO  
WARM...

I JUST  
WANT...

TO STAY  
LIKE THIS  
FOREVER.

AND HER  
HEARTBEAT  
FELT SO  
GOOD  
AGAINST MY  
CHEST.



DO YOU  
WANT  
TO FALL  
AGAIN?

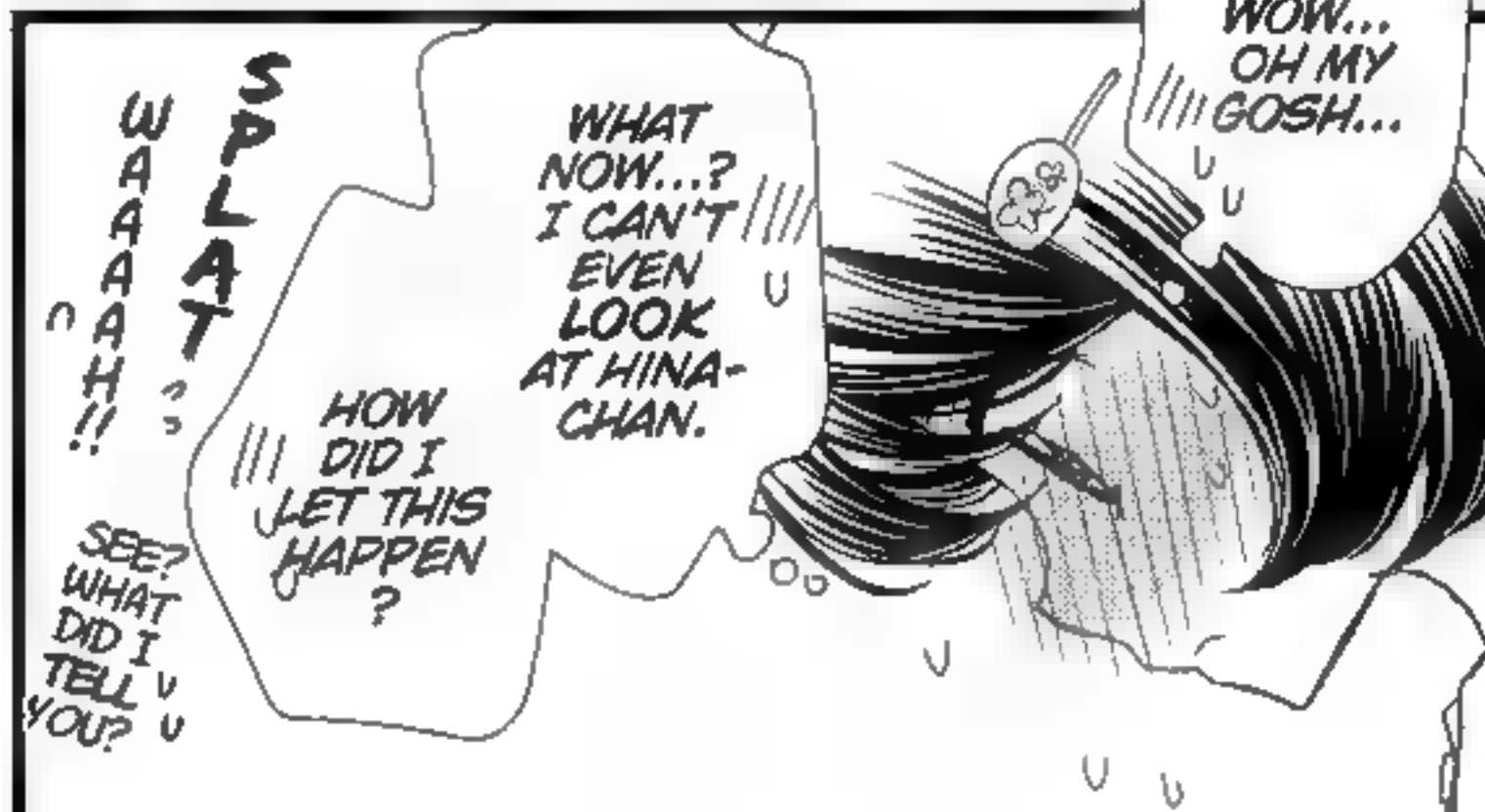
NOW,  
NOW.  
DON'T  
RUN!

RATTLE

RATTLE

WHEEEEE!

OH  
WOW...  
OH MY  
GOSH...



SPLAT  
WAAAAH!!

WHAT  
NOW...?  
I CAN'T  
EVEN  
LOOK  
AT HINA-  
CHAN.

HOW  
DID I  
LET THIS  
HAPPEN?

SEE?  
WHAT  
DID I  
TELL  
YOU?



YOU'RE  
RIGHT!  
WHAT A  
BEAUTIFUL  
ROOFTOP  
GARDEN  
THEY  
HAVE  
HERE.

MAMA,  
MAMA!  
LOOK  
OVER  
THERE!

THE  
FLOWERS  
ARE SO  
PRETTY!

RATTLE

RATTLE

!!

JOLT







CAN  
I...

UHM...  
SO...

...

SO,  
UHM...

I  
HAVE  
TO GO  
HOME.

MY  
PARENTS  
ARE AT A  
FUNERAL...

I  
FORGOT  
I WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO TAKE  
SANGO TO  
GET HER  
SHOTS  
TODAY.



OF  
COURSE...

AT  
SCHOOL  
...

Y-  
YEAH!



AT  
SCHOOL...  
AGAIN?

CAN I  
TALK TO  
YOU...









HANA-SAN'S  
HANDS...  
WERE  
HOLDING  
ME SO  
TIGHT.

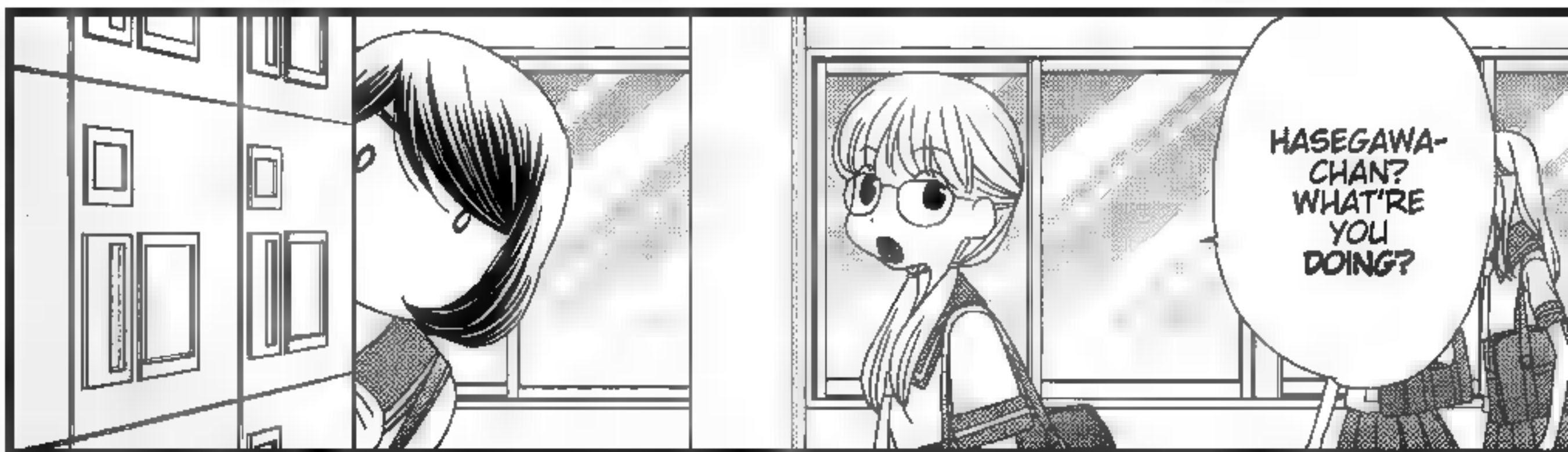


FOR ME  
TO BE  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
HER.

MAYBE  
IT'S ALL  
RIGHT...

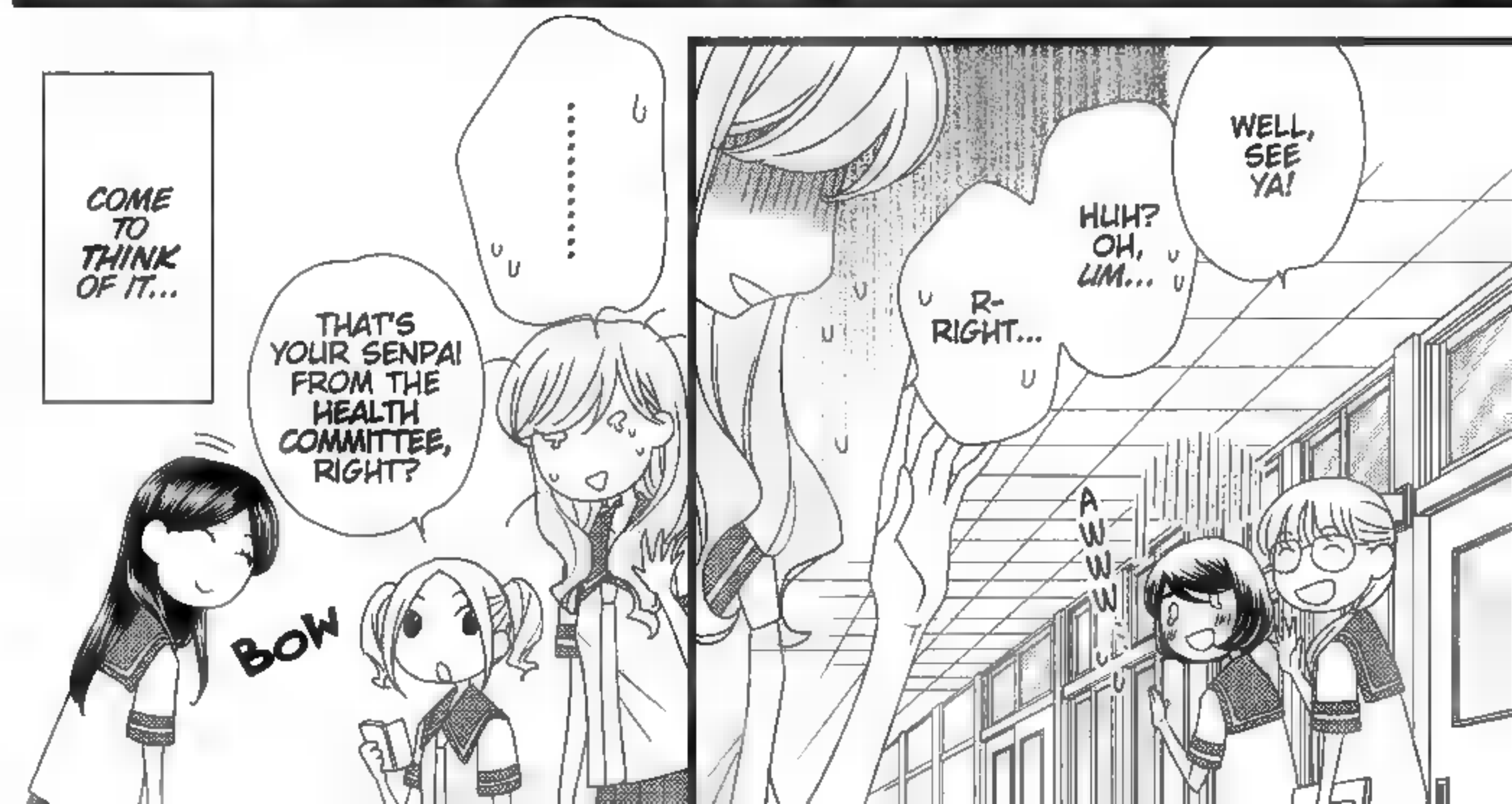












SIGH

WHAT  
CAN I  
DO?

FANTASY SHOP  
POPURI

THERE'RE  
ALWAYS  
PEOPLE  
AROUND...

IT'S  
ACTUALLY  
REALLY  
HARD TO  
TALK TO  
SOME-  
ONE IN  
PRIVATE AT  
SCHOOL.

THE  
MORE TIME  
PASSES...

THE MORE  
ANXIOUS I  
COME.

BE-  
SIDES...

IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
SHE'S  
TEXTED  
ME.

HER INNER MONOLOGUE...

AHH, BUT  
IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE  
NOW.  
WOULDN'T  
IT BE  
WEIRD?

C'MON,  
GO  
FOR IT!

MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
JUST  
TEXT  
HER  
AFTER  
ALL?





I HAVE  
TO ASK  
HER  
SOON...

THAT  
DAY...

OR I'LL  
NEVER  
DO IT.

WHY DID  
YOU HUG  
ME LIKE  
THAT?



MANAGER

HINA-  
CHAN!

WHAT?  
HINA-  
CHAN'S  
HERE?  
REALLY?

AW, SHOOT!

DING-  
A-  
LING

!!



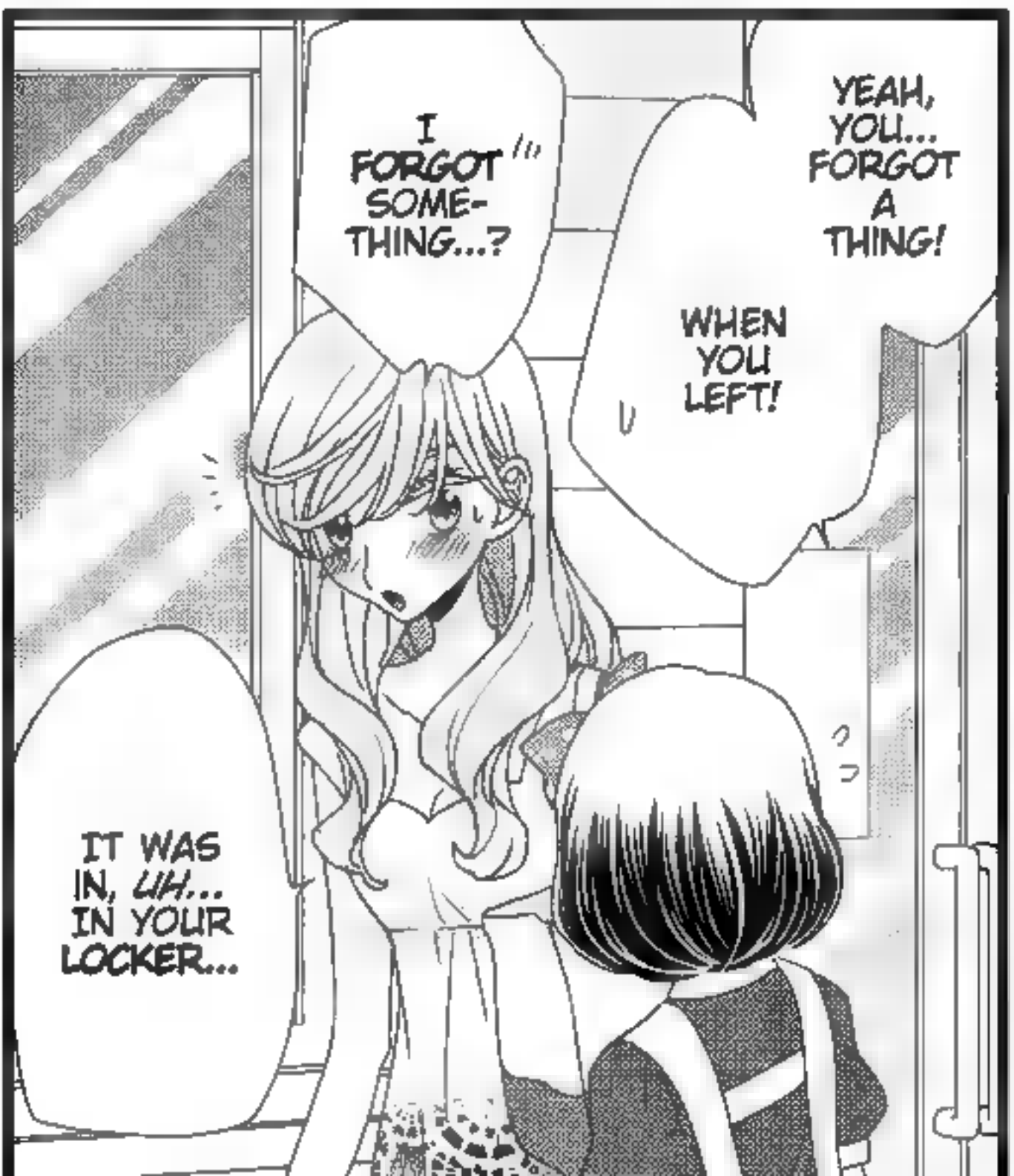
YOU  
HAVE  
EXAMS,  
RIGHT?

HANA-CHAN,  
WHEN DO YOU  
THINK YOU'LL  
NEED TIME  
OFF NEXT  
MONTH?

KA-  
CHAK

OH,  
YES...

OCTOBER'S  
COMING  
UP...







SO,  
WHAT  
DID I  
FORGET?



WELL, YOU  
CAN HEAD  
HOME NOW  
ANYWAY,  
HANA-CHAN.

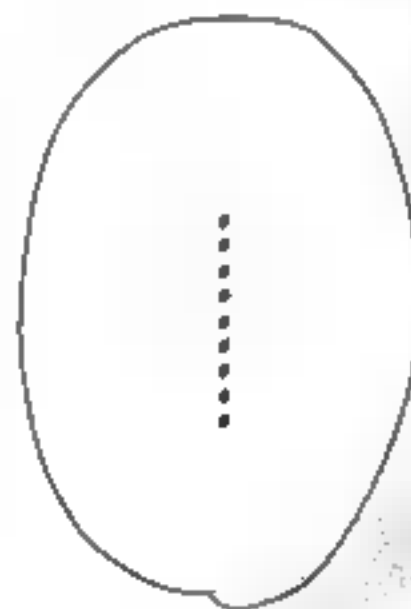
RIGHT!  
THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH!

IT,  
LMM...

YOU  
FORGOT...!!!  
ERM... U



I...



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...



DO  
YOU...

KNOW...  
WHAT I  
MEAN BY  
THAT?

O-OF  
COURSE  
I DO!



I...

I  
MISSED  
YOU,  
TOO...



I  
MISSED  
YOU...



I'VE  
BEEN...

HINA-  
CHAN...

LYING  
TO YOU  
ALL THIS  
TIME...

SHE'S  
NERVOUS?  
IS SHE  
SCARED  
OF ME?

BUT...



I  
KNEW  
I HAD  
TO TELL  
YOU...

AFTER  
THE  
OTHER  
DAY...





I  
THOUGHT...

I  
HAD TO  
HIDE HOW  
WEIRD  
I AM.



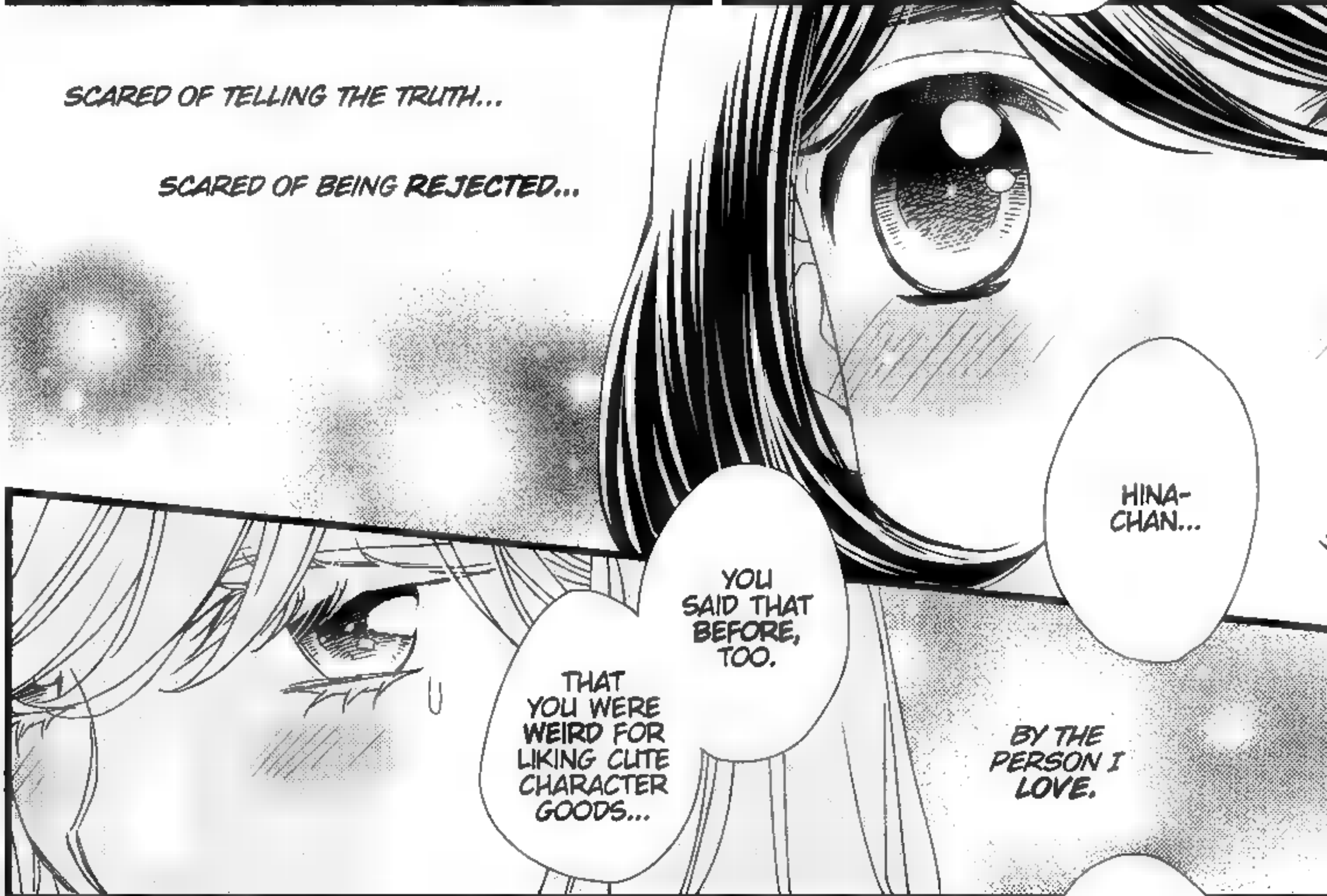
NO,  
THAT'S  
NOT IT.

I UNDER-  
STAND  
WHY SHE'S  
SCARED,  
BECAUSE  
I FEEL THE  
SAME WAY.

LYING?

SCARED OF TELLING THE TRUTH...

SCARED OF BEING REJECTED...



HINA-  
CHAN...

YOU  
SAID THAT  
BEFORE,  
TOO.

THAT  
YOU WERE  
WEIRD FOR  
LIKING CLTE  
CHARACTER  
GOODS...

BY THE  
PERSON I  
LOVE.

I...

AND  
I...

THAT'S  
THE REAL  
YOU,  
HINA-CHAN.

BUT...

EVEN  
IF OTHER  
PEOPLE  
MIGHT'VE  
SAID SO...

BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT  
WEIRD,  
YOU  
KNOW?





HINA-  
CHAN...

I LOVE  
YOU.



ON  
THE ROOF  
THE OTHER  
DAY...I WAS  
HAPPY.

I  
WANTED  
TO YELL  
OUT WITH  
JOY.

I  
WAS SO  
HAPPY  
THAT  
NIGHT, I  
COULDN'T  
SLEEP.

DO  
YOU...

KNOW  
WHAT I  
MEAN BY  
THAT?





EVEN  
IF I'M...  
IN LOVE  
WITH YOU,  
HANA-  
SAN...

...

EVEN  
IF I'M  
WEIRD...

YOU  
WON'T  
BE  
UPSET?





FOR  
HOW  
LONG...?



JEEZ...

I  
HAD  
NO  
IDEA.



WHUMP

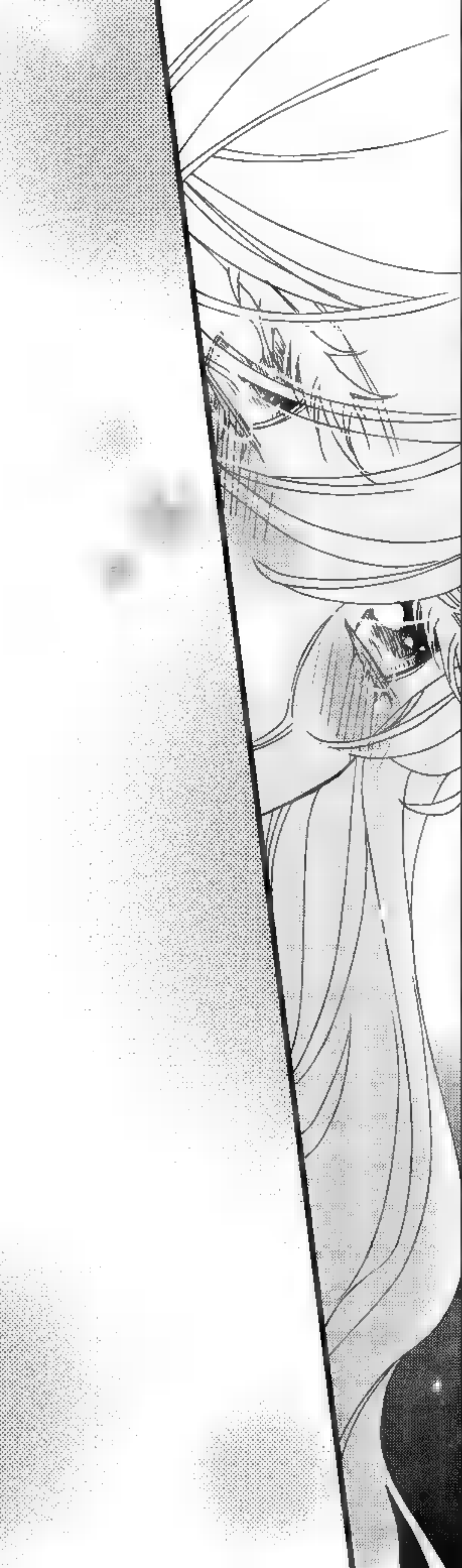


...MUMMUM

HANA-  
SAN...

I LOVE  
YOU SO  
MUCH...













HMM?

THAT REMINDS ME...  
I'VE BEEN WONDER-  
ING ABOUT SOME-  
THING...



UH...  
IT'S GOTTEN  
PRETTY CHILLY  
OUT NOW,  
HASN'T IT?

WELL,  
IT IS  
ALMOST OCTOBER.



I THOUGHT  
IT'D BE EMBAR-  
RASSING IF  
ANYONE SAW  
ME BUYING  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS  
AND OTHER  
MERCH...

SO I  
LOOKED  
FOR A  
SHOP FAR  
AWAY FROM  
WHERE I  
LIVED...



HUINH.  
SO...

THE SHOP  
WAS HIRING,  
SO...

AND  
THEN...



THIS  
STATION IS PRETTY  
FAR FROM  
YOUR HOUSE,  
ISN'T IT,  
HINA-  
CHAN?

SO WHY  
DID YOU  
START  
SHOPPING  
AT POPURI?

WHAT  
BROUGHT  
YOU TO  
THAT  
PART OF  
TOWN?

.....





IT'S AN  
IMPOR-  
TANT  
QUESTION  
I MEANT  
TO ASK  
YOU  
EARLIER...

I'VE  
BEEN  
WONDERING  
ABOUT  
SOME-  
THING,  
TOO.

IN THAT  
MOMENT  
...

I WAS SO  
HAPPY I  
FELT LIKE  
I COULD  
BURST.

YOUR  
EMBAR-  
RASSMENT  
OVER  
LIKING  
CUTE  
STUFF...

BROUGHT  
US TO-  
GETHER!

HUH?

!!!  
.....  
!



HANA-  
SAN...

WILL  
YOU  
GO OUT  
WITH  
ME?



AND  
I WAS  
CERTAIN  
THAT  
HINA-  
CHAN...

FELT  
THE  
SAME  
WAY.

I MEAN,  
I GUESS  
I ALREADY  
KNEW  
THIS, BUT  
HINA-  
CHAN...

HMM?

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

YOU'RE  
VERY  
BY-THE-  
BOOK,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

I  
KNEW  
WE'D  
BE...

TOGETHER  
FOREVER  
FROM  
THEN ON.

Y-  
YES...!







HINA-  
CHAN  
AND I...

ARE  
DATING  
NOW.



CHAPTER 17





I  
STILL...

FEEL  
LIKE I'M  
FLOATING  
ON AIR.

EVEN IF I  
HAVE TO  
RUN TO  
SCHOOL...

HANA?  
SHOULDN'T  
YOU HAVE  
LEFT BY  
NOW?

UHUH  
?!

UWAH!  
U

THE  
PERSON  
I LOVE.

2-2

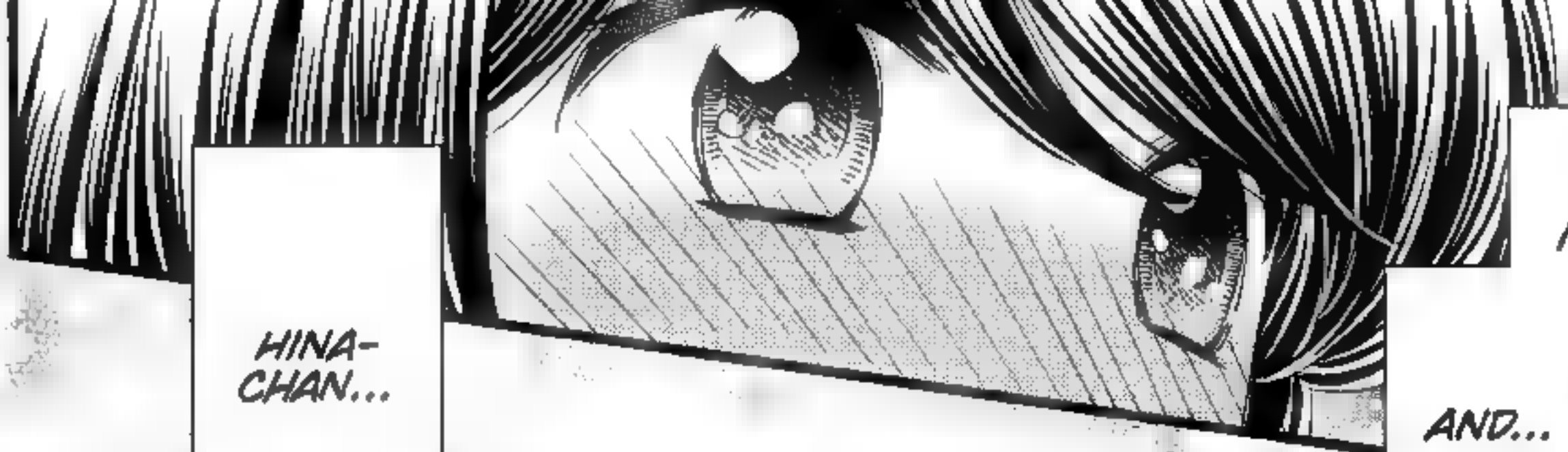
!

WHIRL

WE'RE  
ALWAYS  
CON-  
NECTED.

SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
WITH  
ME.





HINA-  
CHAN...

ME...  
AND...

ARE  
ACTUALLY  
GOING  
OUT!!



OH,  
Y-  
YEAH...

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
EHEH  
HEH...

HEY, IS  
THAT  
LINE?

YOU  
FINALLY  
STARTED  
USING  
IT, HUH?



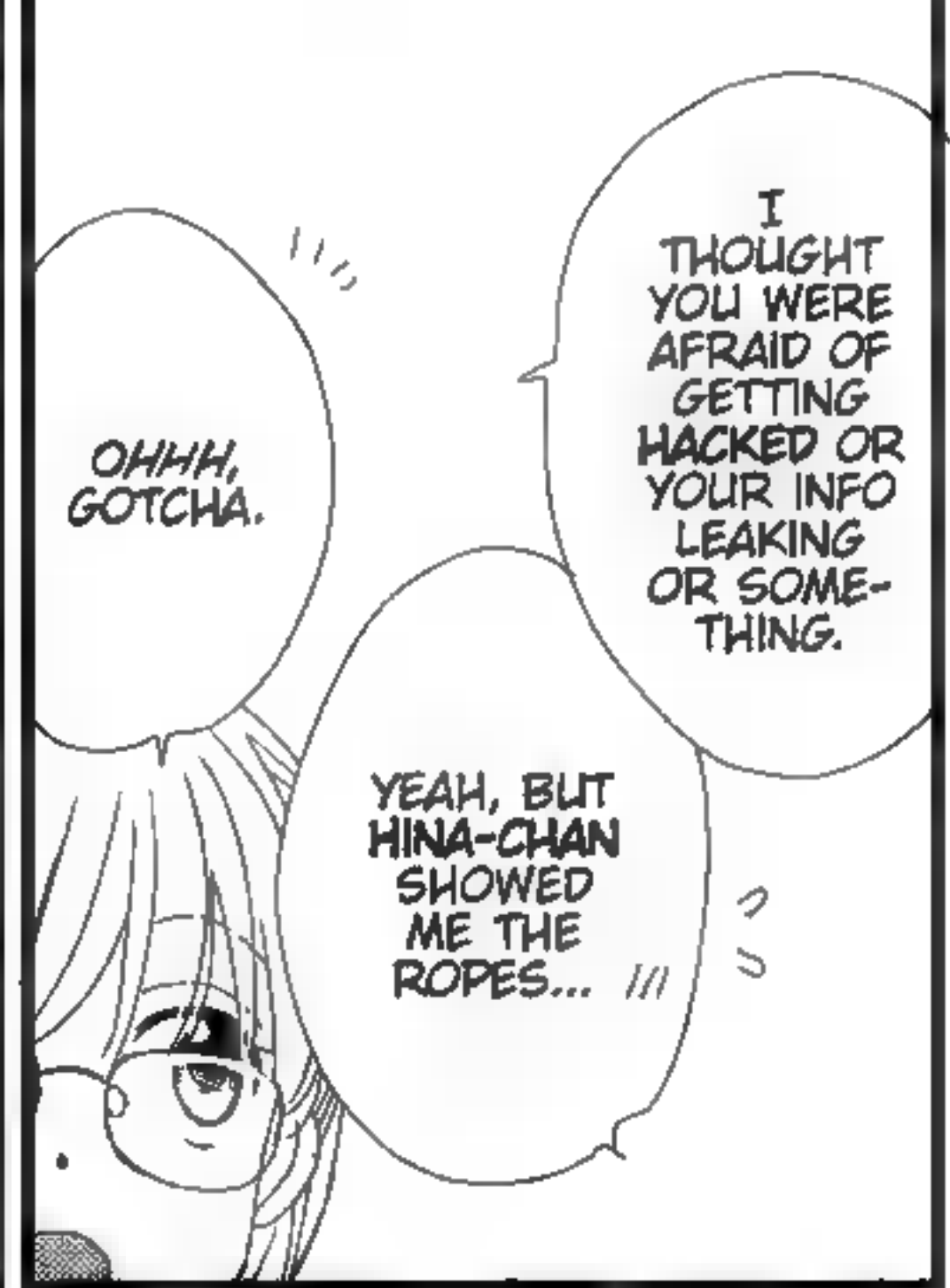
HEE!

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HEE

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I'M SO  
HAPPY-!  
♡











LIKE, LOVE BEAMS? FROM YOUR EYES?

SAPPY LOOKS?!

I MEAN... YOU TWO WERE ALWAYS SHOOTING EACH OTHER THOSE SAPPY LOOKS...

HUH?

CHON, YOU KNOW!



WHAT --?!

HUH? YOU'RE NOT? I MEAN...

LIKE, I ALREADY KNEW YOU WERE DATING, SO...

WHAT?!

OKAY, MAYBE NOT KNEW, BUT LIKE, I JUST KINDA FIGURED YOU WERE?

WELL? SO AM I RIGHT OR WHAT?



SO I FIGURED, AS LONG AS HASEGAWA-CHAN DOESN'T GET HURT...

IT'S ALL COOL WITH ME.

I KNOW THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT, AND YOU SEEM HAPPY...

AT FIRST I WAS LIKE, "FOR REAL?"

BUT YOU'RE ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS...



NAKANO-CHAN...



CONGRATS, HASEGAWA-CHAN!

I'M ON YOUR SIDE, ONE HUNDRED PERCENT!





PEOPLE  
HATE  
HER?

IT  
WOULD  
NEVER  
EVEN  
OCCUR TO  
ME THAT  
SOMEONE  
MIGHT  
DISLIKE  
HER.

THAT'S  
NEWS  
TO ME.

I  
MEAN...

WHERE'D  
NAKANO  
GET THAT  
IDEA?

I DON'T  
SEE HOW  
ANYONE  
COULD  
HATE  
HINA-  
CHAN.

JING-  
A-LING

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH!

HANA-  
SAN...

!

WHISPER

IT'S NOT  
LIKE THAT,  
HASEGAWA-  
CHAN!

NO!  
NO!

WHISPER

WHAT  
I MEAN IS...  
WELL, OF  
COURSE  
TENS OF  
PEOPLE  
LIKE HINA-  
CHAN...

SOME-  
ONE  
LIKE ME  
SHOULDN'T  
BE.

R-  
RIGHT,  
OF  
COURSE  
...

BUT YOU  
DO KNOW  
THERE ARE  
PEOPLE WHO  
HATE HER,  
RIGHT?

I JUST  
WOULDN'T  
WANT YOU  
TO GET  
DRAGGED  
INTO THAT.









MM?  
YEAH, IT  
IS A BIT  
FAR AWAY,  
BUT  
STILL!

THAT'S  
TWO  
YEARS  
AWAY...

TWO  
YEARS...



WHEN I  
GRADUATE?

MAYBE WE  
CAN WORK  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN  
ONCE YOU  
GRADUATE?

YEAH!  
COLLEGES  
WOULDN'T  
BAN  
STUDENTS  
FROM  
WORKING,  
RIGHT?



THAT'S  
FINE...BUT  
WHAT'LL WE  
DO ON THE  
WAY HOME  
FROM SCHOOL  
WHEN I  
DON'T HAVE  
WORK?  
FOR DATES  
N' STUFF...

AH,  
WELL,  
OF  
COURSE...



MONDAY,  
WEDNES-  
DAY,  
FRIDAY?

HUH?  
EVERY  
TIME?

YES.

ANY-  
WAY...

IS IT  
ALL RIGHT  
IF I WALK  
YOU HOME  
FROM WORK  
FROM NOW  
ON?

YES.

THEN  
WHY NOT  
JUST WORK  
THERE  
AGAIN...  
NO, I  
GUESS SHE  
CAN'T...







OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO...

SO YOU'LL BE A WAITRESS, HUH? I'LL HAVE TO COME BY AND SEE!

I GUESS WE'RE DOING A CAFE.

WHAT ABOUT YOURS, HINA-CHAN?

APPARENTLY I JUST NEED TO SHOW UP AND WEAR THE UNIFORM.

ARE YOU ALL PREPARED FOR IT?



TOY GOLD-FISH AS PRIZES!

WITH YO-YO FISHING AND GOLDFISH SCOOPING AND STUFF.

WE'RE HAVING A PRETEND SHRINE FAIR!

WHAT'S YOUR CLASS DOING, HANA-SAN?

THE FESTIVAL...

OH, SOUNDS LIKE FUN!



WHEE! あい

I SEE...

THE SAME AS ALWAYS, HUH?



カチャ CHATTER CHATTER



WOO! お YAY! お



C'MERE, LOOK AT THIS!

HEY, HASEGAWA-CHAN!

AH!





HUH?

SHE'S  
REALLY  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

OH,  
HEY--I  
SAW  
HINA-  
CHAN  
EARLIER!

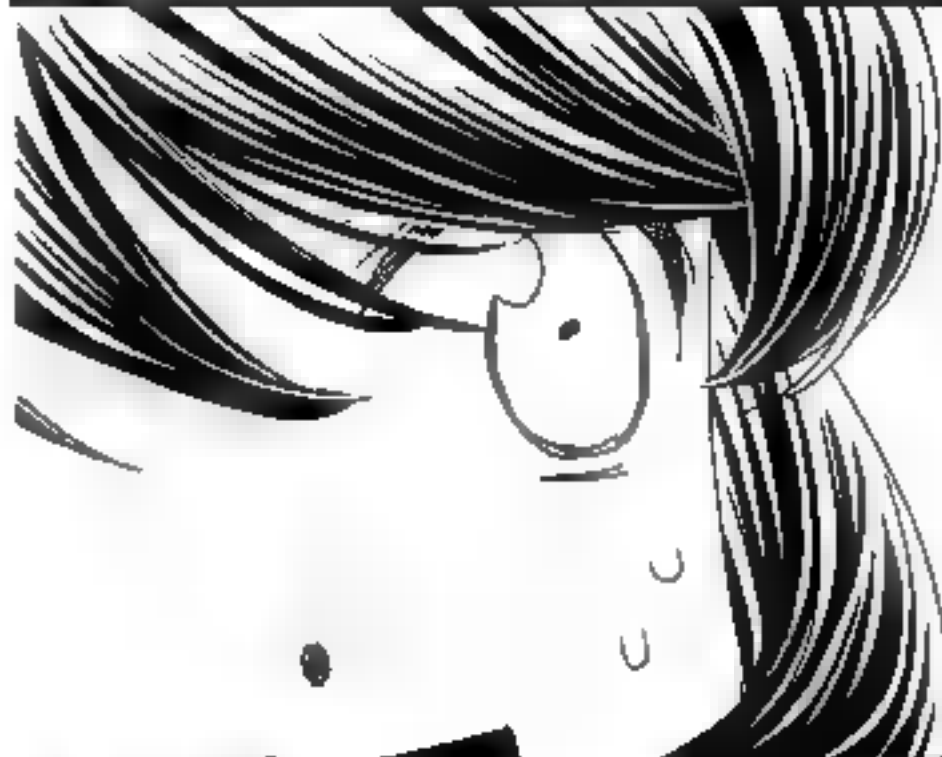
THANKS!

I'LL  
BUY  
ONE  
FOR MY  
MOM!

DID YOU  
MAKE  
THIS,  
NAKANO-  
CHAN?

WOW,  
IT'S  
SO  
CUTE!

WHAT A  
SHOCK!



HUH?!

EVEN  
MY HEART  
SKIPPED A  
BEAT WHEN  
I SAW  
HER!



WHAT'S  
SHE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

SNEAK

SNEAK

CLASS 1-I'S  
BUTLER  
CAFÉ  
CURRENTLY  
HAS A  
TWENTY-  
MINUTE  
WAIT.

CHATTER

さか  
さか  
おチャッター

AH!  
JUST THE  
TINIEST  
BIT, I  
MEAN!

WAIT,  
SO YOU  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN  
HER  
YET?











ALWAYS ...

I'LL GO WITH NAKANO-CHAN LATER.

W-WE'RE DATING, SO I CAN ALWAYS...

AHA HA!

IT'S FINE... IT'S ALLLL FINE.

I DIDN'T KNOW EITHER

WHA ...?

I WASN'T TOLD ABOUT THIS, HINA-CHAN!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

縁日 2-2 PRETEND SHRINE FAIR

WHEEE!



EVEN IF WE WERE IN THE SAME GRADE...

WE'D PROBABLY STILL HAVE TO KEEP IT A SECRET.

FLOP

BUT MAYBE NOT.

IF WE WEREN'T BOTH GIRLS...

OR EVEN IF WE WERE JUST IN THE SAME GRADE, MAYBE WE COULD'VE WALKED AROUND TOGETHER...



EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T GET...

TO WALK AROUND TOGETHER...





WE  
CHATTED  
ON  
LINE...  
  
THROUGH-  
OUT  
EXAM  
SEASON.

THE  
CULTURAL  
FESTIVAL  
WAS  
STILL  
FUN.

AND SINCE  
WE HAD  
THE NEXT  
DAY OFF  
FROM  
SCHOOL...

WE  
WENT  
ON OUR  
VERY FIRST  
SHOPPING  
DATE  
TOGETHER!

TAKING A PHOTO.



AND SO,  
EVERY  
MONDAY,  
WEDNES-  
DAY, AND  
FRIDAY...

WE'D GO  
OUT ON  
A DATE.

ONCE  
EXAMS  
WERE  
OVER  
AND MY  
SHIFTS  
STARTED  
BACK  
UP AT  
THE  
SHOP...  
  
HINA-  
CHAN,  
TRUE  
TO  
HER  
WORD...

SHOP  
JURI

CAME TO  
WALK ME  
HOME  
AFTER  
EVERY  
SHIFT.



JUST  
LIKE THE  
NIGHT OF  
THE FIRE-  
WORKS.

HINA-  
CHAN  
AND I...

WALKED  
ALONG,  
HAND-IN-  
HAND...

ONCE WE  
PASSED  
THROUGH  
THE  
SHOPPING  
DISTRICT  
AND INTO  
A RESI-  
DENTIAL  
AREA...

AFTER  
A  
SHORT  
WHILE...

HINA-CHAN  
WOULD  
HOLD MY  
HAND.

WILL  
ONLY EVER  
BE ABLE  
TO HOLD  
HANDS  
UNDER  
THE NIGHT  
SKY.

I  
WONDER  
IF HINA-  
CHAN  
AND I...

IT'S  
WONDER-  
FUL...

BUT  
UNLIKE  
THAT  
NIGHT...

OUR  
HEARTS  
ARE  
CLOSER  
THAN  
EVER.

IT  
REALLY  
IS...

BUT...





IS THIS  
WHAT  
"GOING  
OUT"...

MEANS  
TO  
HINA-  
CHAN?

I MEAN,  
EVER  
SINCE  
THAT  
DAY...

WE  
HAVEN'T  
EVEN  
KISSED  
ONCE.

...



IF YOU  
HAVE  
TIME...

WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO COME  
IN?

KA-  
CHAK

MY  
DAD'S  
ON A  
BUSINESS  
TRIP...

AND MY  
MOM SAID  
SHE'D  
BE LATE  
TODAY,  
SO...

UH...

HINA-  
CHAN...





YEAH,  
ME  
NEITHER.

AH!

CREAK

UH -  
OH...

WHAT  
DO I DO  
NOW?

NO,  
NOT  
REALLY.



HMM...

I  
GUESS WE  
SHOULD'VE  
BOUGHT  
A SNACK  
OR SOME-  
THING,  
HUH?

ARE YOU  
HUNGRY,  
HINA-  
CHAN?

TH-  
THANKS  
FOR  
HAVING  
ME.



WHA  
--?!

BA-  
DMP

HANA-  
SAN...

.....



I  
MEAN...  
I INVITED  
HER UP,  
DIDN'T  
I?

BUT  
NOW...

ACK!

OH,  
SHOOT!  
WHY'D  
I SIT  
ON THE  
BED?!

I WASN'T  
TRYING TO  
SUGGEST  
ANYTHING,  
BUT NOW  
SHE'LL  
THINK...

















HINA-  
CHAN...?



ARE  
YOU  
CRYING?



I'M  
SORRY...I  
GUESS I'M  
JUST TOO  
HAPPY?

AH HA  
HA...

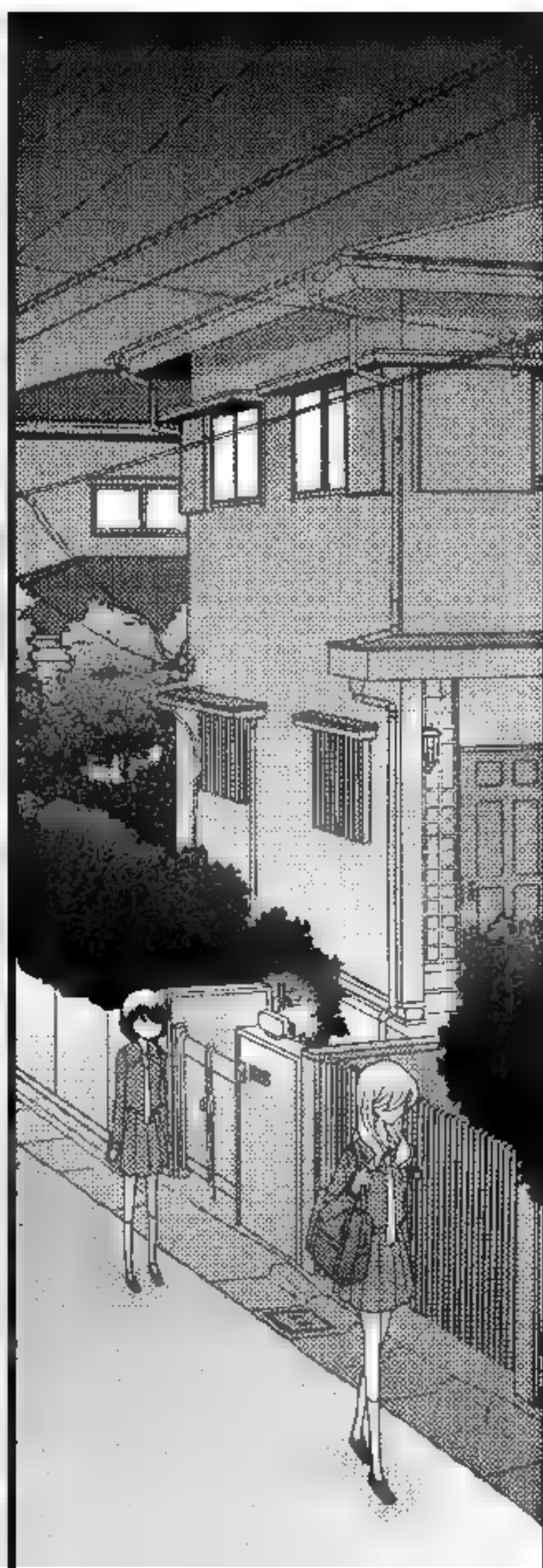


CHAPTER 18 :

OKAY.

I'LL  
SEE YOU  
TOMOR-  
ROW.

ALL  
RIGHT...







I'M  
SORRY...

I  
GUESS  
I'M JUST  
TOO  
HAPPY?

WAS  
THAT  
REALLY

...

ALL IT  
WAS?

DID HER  
EXPRESSION  
LOOK SO  
SAD?

IF SHE  
WAS  
CRYING  
FROM  
HAPPI-  
NESS...

THEN  
WHY...









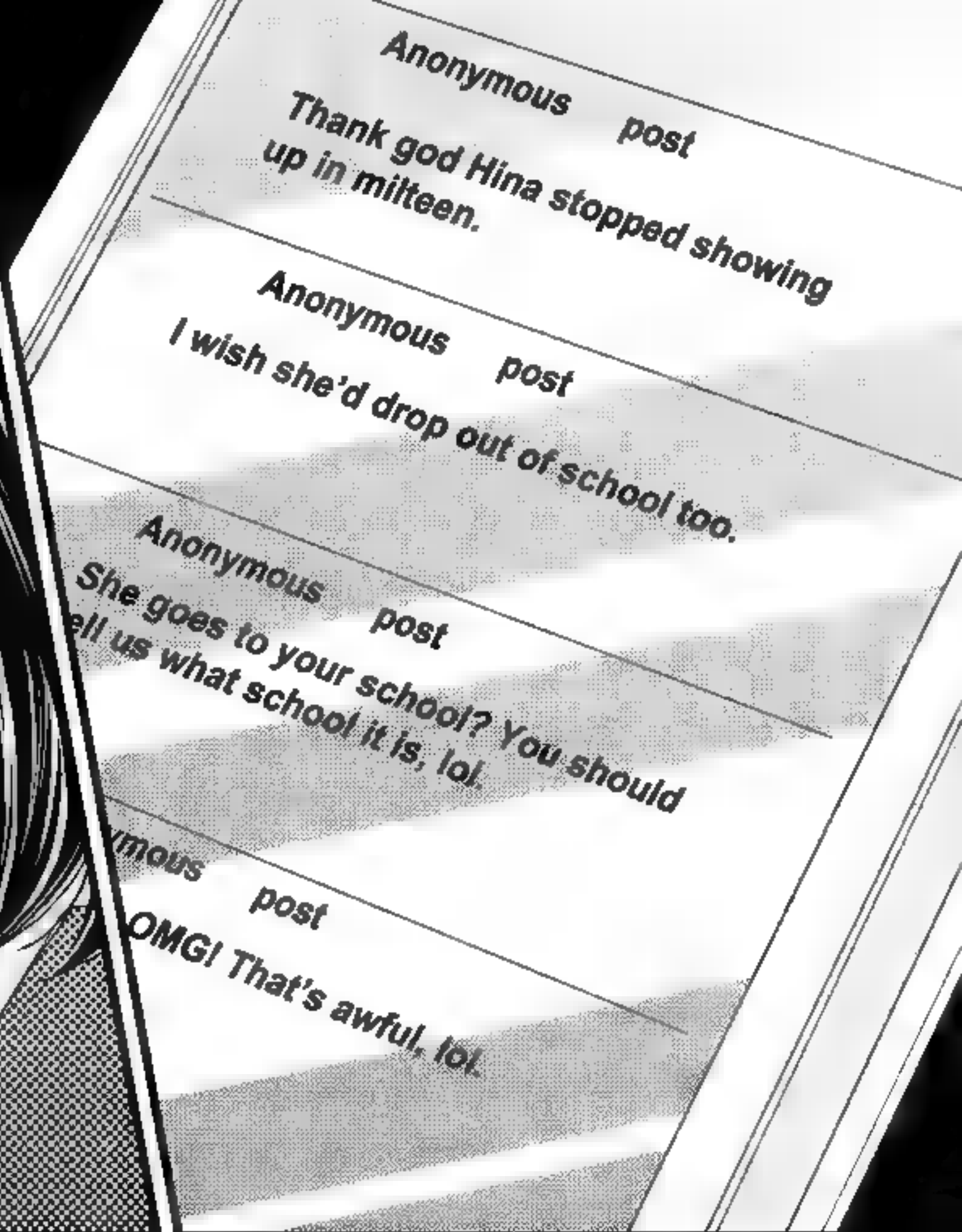






"IT'S  
JUST  
A FEW  
PEOPLE  
POSTING  
STUPID  
STUFF  
ONLINE."

"BUT YOU  
DEFINITELY  
SHOULDN'T  
TELL HINA-  
CHAN ABOUT  
IT, OKAY?"



Anonymous post  
Thank god Hina stopped showing  
up in milteen.

Anonymous post  
I wish she'd drop out of school too.

Anonymous post  
She goes to your school? You should  
tell us what school it is, lol.

Anonymous post  
OMG! That's awful, lol.



HINA-  
CHAN...

MAYBE  
SHE  
SAW  
THIS?

THAT  
MIGHT  
BE WHY  
SHE  
WAS SO  
DOWN...



HANA-  
SAN?

!



THIS IS  
HORRIBLE...







EVEN  
THOUGH  
ALL I  
WANT  
TO  
DO...  
  
IS RUN  
AFTER  
HER AND  
HUG HER  
RIGHT  
NOW.



WE  
CAN'T  
DO  
MUCH  
BUT  
SAY HI.

EVEN  
WHEN WE  
RUN INTO  
EACH  
OTHER  
IN THE  
HALLWAY...

I'LL  
SEE  
YOU  
LATER. ♪

RIGHT...  
!!



!



I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
HANA-  
SAN...

FELL  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
ME.

read

Hina-chan,  
I looove you! ♡♡♡  
(\*≥▽≤\*)



V  
NNNN



I'M SO  
HAPPY.

SO  
HAPPY...

BUT...



HANA-SAN  
WILL  
STILL  
LOVE ME.

BUT...

EVERY  
NIGHT...

I PRAY  
THAT  
IN THE  
MORNING...

I'M  
SURE...

THAT  
THIS  
CAN'T  
LAST  
FOREVER.





I WISH SHE'D LET ME IN ON HER SECRETS.

HA HA! YOUR SISTER'S REALLY THAT LUCKY?

WELL, ACCORDING TO HER...



SHE'S ONLY A THIRD-YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL! WHAT GIVES?

SHE'S BEEN GOING OUT WITH THE SAME GUY SINCE FOREVER!

MY SISTER'S ALWAYS HAD MORE LUCK THAN ME WHEN IT COMES TO DATING.

UGH!

CLATTER



I'D RATHER HAVE A LOVE LIKE YOURS, HINAKO.

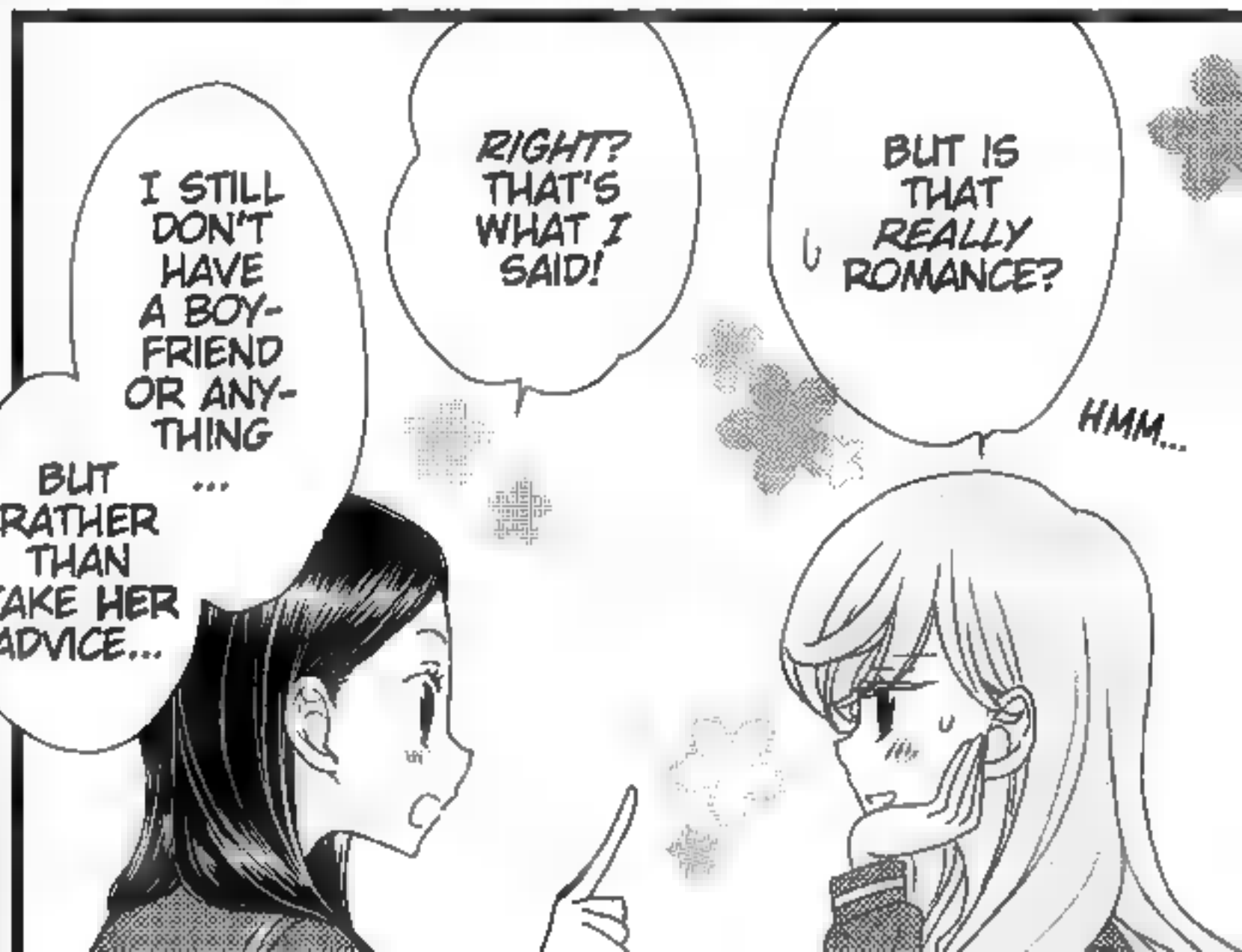


THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS, ANYWAY.

"AND ONLY HANG OUT WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE!"

"ALL YOU NEED IS TO ALWAYS STAY CALM..."

MAKO'S SIS 7



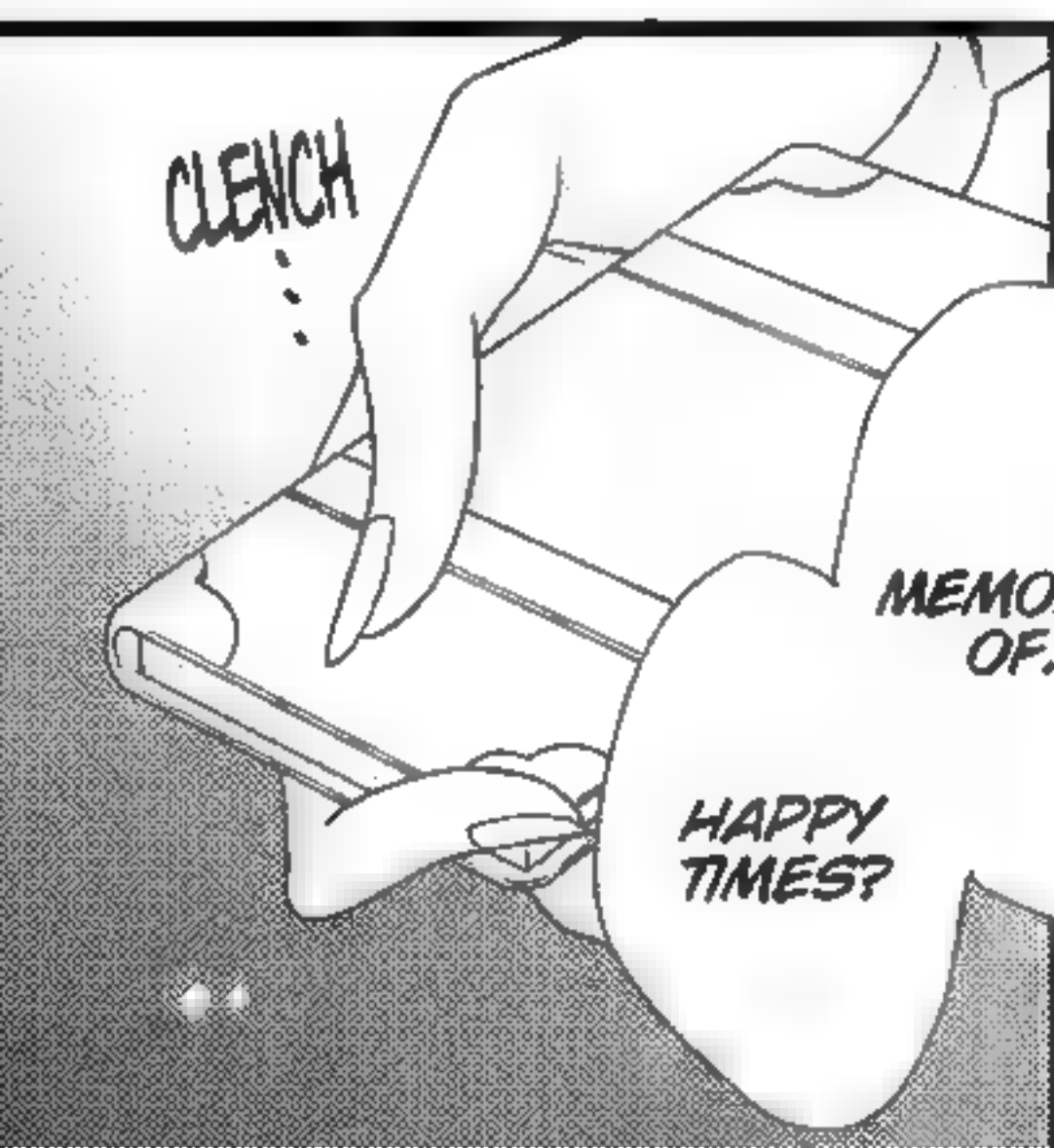
I STILL DON'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND OR ANYTHING ...

BUT RATHER THAN TAKE HER ADVICE...

RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I SAID!

BUT IS THAT REALLY ROMANCE?

HMM...







THAT'S  
JUST  
SO  
YOU!

WOW,  
YOUR  
ROOM'S AS  
FULL OF  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS  
AS EVER!

AHA HA...  
HAVE A  
SEAT, I'LL  
MAKE  
SOME  
TEA.



THANKS  
FOR  
HAVING  
ME!

I'M  
GLAD YOU  
COULD  
MAKE IT,  
HANA-  
SAN...

COME  
ON IN!

I  
BOUGHT  
SOME  
STUFF!

IT'S  
FROM  
YOUR  
FAVORITE  
BAKERY.



!

IS  
YOUR  
SISTER  
HERE  
TODAY?  
I GOT  
SOME  
CANELES.

OH  
YEAH--  
HERE!

MY  
SISTER  
IS,  
UM...

///WELL  
U ...

DOES  
YOUR  
FAMILY  
LIKE  
SWEET  
STUFF?



GOSH,  
LAST TIME  
I WAS  
HERE, IT  
WAS WHEN  
YOU'D HURT  
YOUR LEG...

I  
NEVER  
THOUGHT  
WE'D  
END UP  
GOING  
OUT.



WHAAAT?!  
YOU HURT  
YOUR LEG  
AGAIN?!

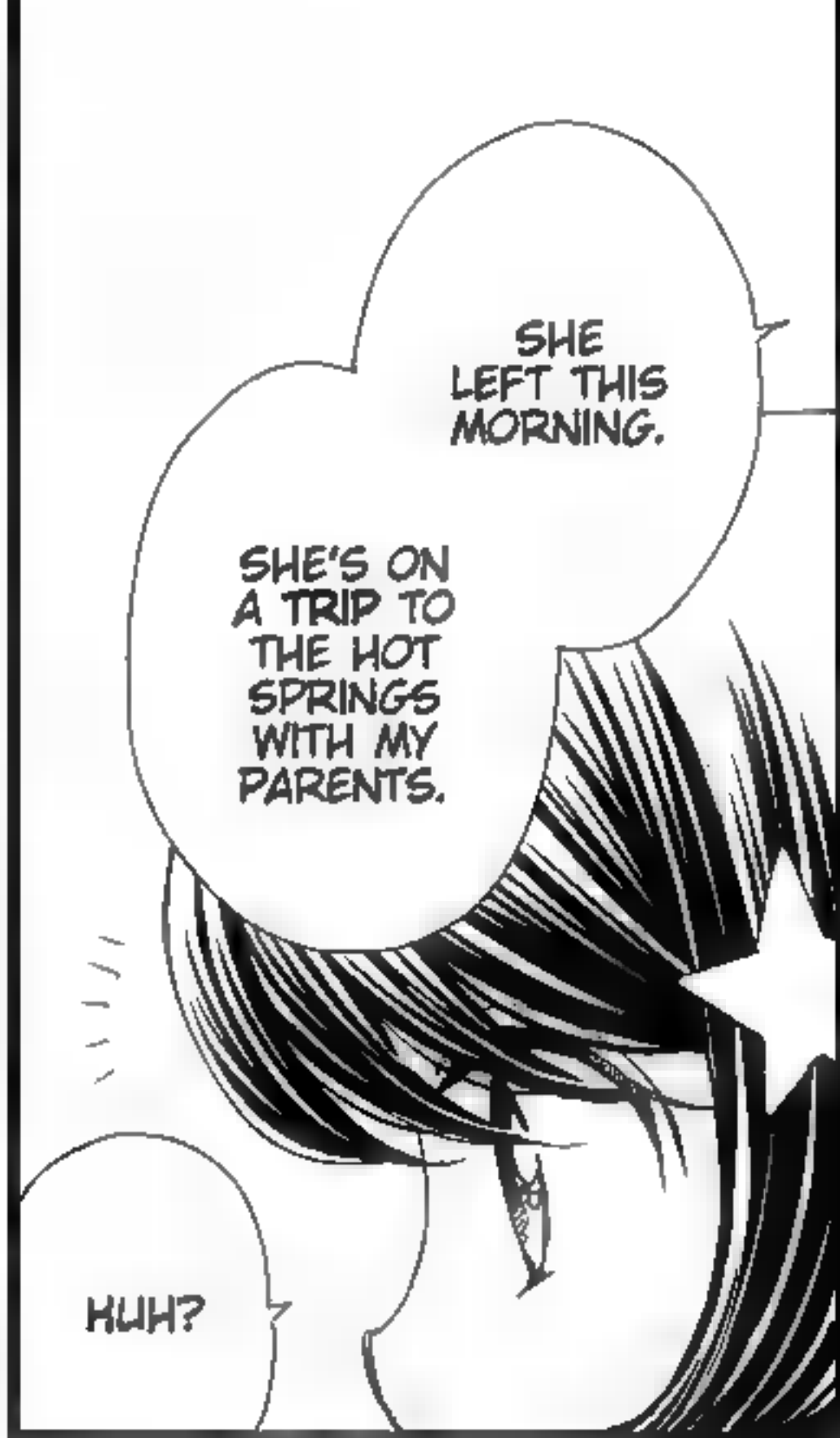
WHEN  
DID...

WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU GO  
TOO,  
HINA-  
CHAN?!

WHA--?!  
A  
FAMILY  
TRIP?

WELL, HOT  
SPRINGS  
WOULD BE  
BAD FOR A  
FRESHLY-  
SPRAINED  
ANKLE.

SO I'M  
STUCK  
HOUSE-  
SITTING.



SHE  
LEFT THIS  
MORNING.

SHE'S ON  
A TRIP TO  
THE HOT  
SPRINGS  
WITH MY  
PARENTS.

HUH?



I  
WAS  
LYING  
ABOUT  
THE  
SPRAIN...

HUH?

SO  
THAT...



I  
DIDN'T.









I WON-  
DERED IF  
WE'D GO  
A STEP  
FURTHER  
THAN  
KISSING...

AAAH?!  
WAAAA-  
AAAAH!

BUT...

WHAT  
IS THE  
NEXT  
STEP?!

TH-TH-  
TH-THIS  
IS WAY  
TOO  
SUDDEN,  
HINA-  
CHAN!!

HUH?!  
U

N-NO,  
OF  
COURSE  
NOT...!  
///  
U

HANA-  
SAN...

ARE  
YOU  
NER-  
VOUS?





KISS

HAH

KISS-

KISS

AHH...

THE  
NEXT...

STEP...

I'M  
SORRY...

HAH  
...

I WAS  
WON-  
DERING  
ABOUT  
IT...

BUT  
THIS  
IS...

I  
WANT...

TO GO  
ALL  
THE  
WAY...

WITH  
YOU.

HANA-  
SAN...

HINA-  
CHAN?





PLEASE...

.....

RESPOND  
TO THAT?

HOW AM  
I SUP-  
POSED  
TO...

HOW...

WHA...?

AH...

///  
U



JUST  
ONCE...

WOULD  
BE  
ENOUGH.

HUH...?





HINA-  
CHAN?

IT  
SOUNDS  
AS IF...

HINA-  
CHAN  
THINKS...



JUST  
ONCE...?

WHY?

WHAT  
DOES  
THAT  
MEAN?



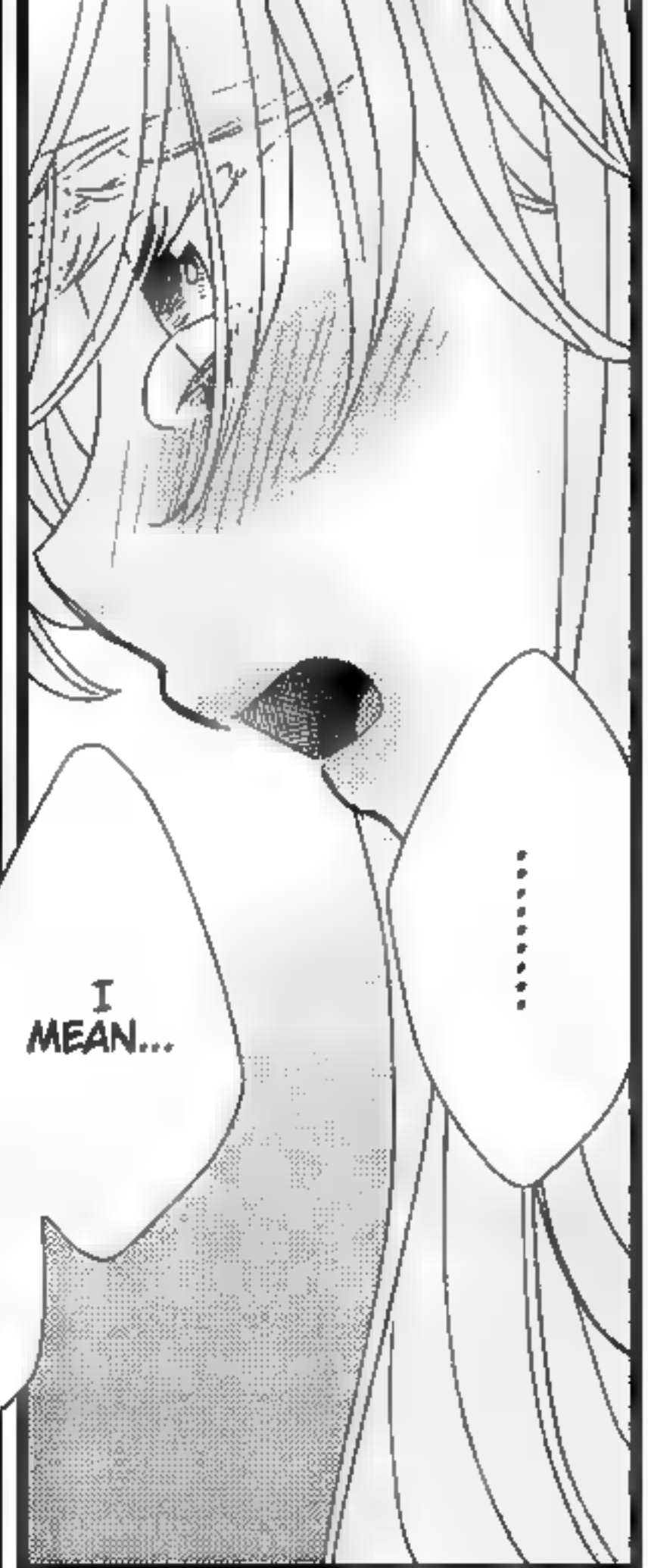
AREN'T  
WE...

ALWAYS  
GOING  
TO ■  
TOGETHER?



THAT WE  
DON'T  
HAVE  
MUCH  
TIME TO-  
GETHER.







I  
CAN'T  
BREATHE.

I  
CAN'T  
MOVE.

WHY  
WOULD  
SHE...

SAY  
SOME-  
THING  
LIKE  
THAT?

OH. I  
THINK I  
GET IT.

I CAN'T  
ASK FOR  
SOME-  
THING...

AS  
SELFISH  
AS  
THAT.

IT FEELS  
LIKE IT'S  
BEEN  
SMASHED  
OPEN.



HINA-  
CHAN...

DOESN'T  
BELIEVE  
IN ME.

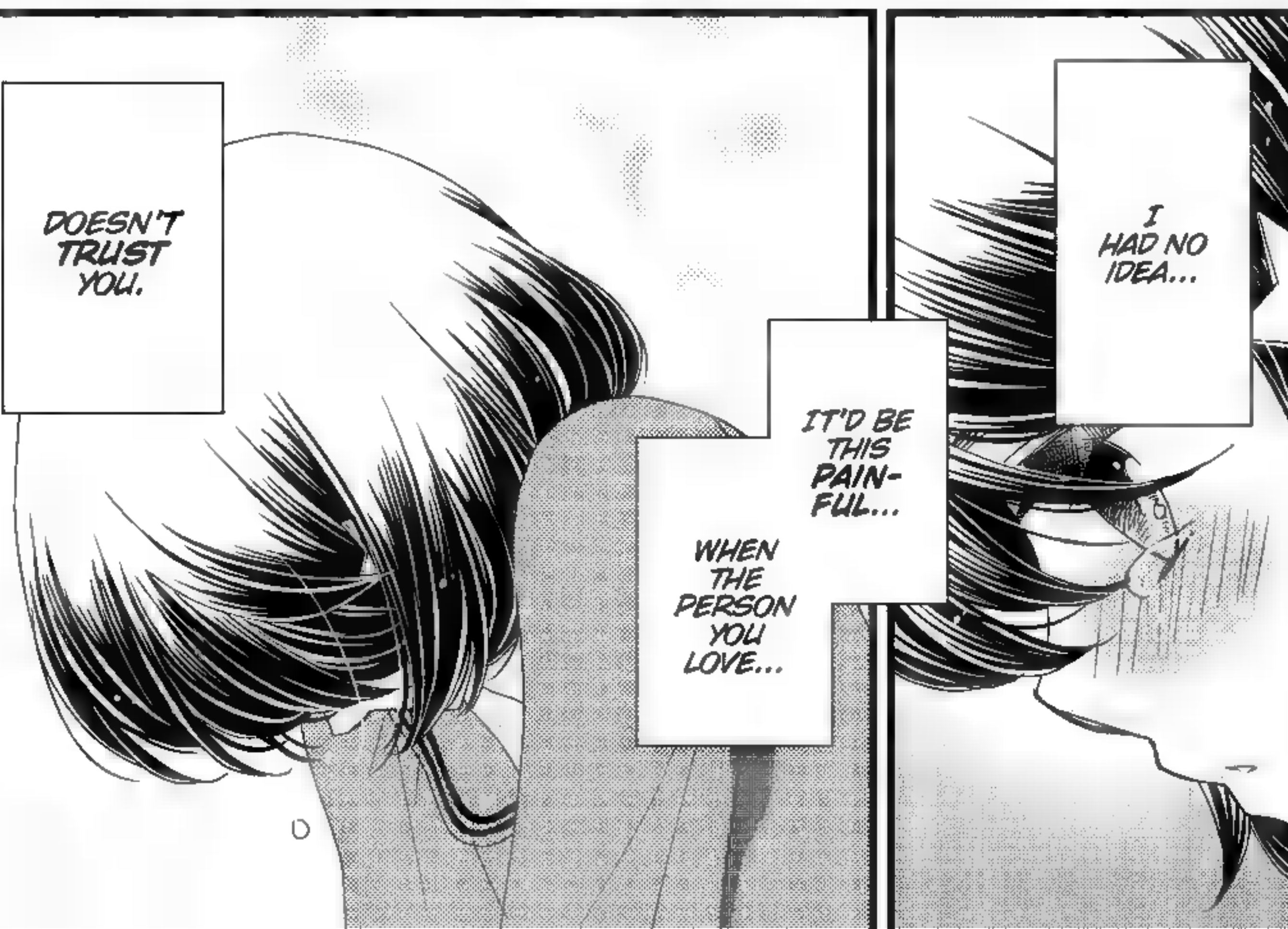


DOESN'T  
TRUST  
YOU.

I  
HAD NO  
IDEA...

IT'D BE  
THIS  
PAIN-  
FUL...

WHEN  
THE  
PERSON  
YOU  
LOVE...







FRIGHT-  
ENED,  
HURTING,  
AND  
WORRYING  
ALL BY  
YOUR-  
SELF...

JUST  
HOW  
DEEPLY...

SHE  
WAS  
HURTING.

HAD  
NO  
IDEA...

AND I  
ALSO...



I JUST  
LOVE YOU  
ALL THE  
MORE.

BUT EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU'RE  
HURTING  
ME THIS  
WAY...



I'M  
SORRY,  
HINA-  
CHAN.

I REALLY  
DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
RELATION-  
SHIPS.



SO  
I UNDER-  
STAND WHY  
YOU MIGHT  
NOT BELIEVE  
IN ME.

BUT NO  
MATTER  
WHAT YOU  
SAY OR  
DO TO  
ME...

I'LL  
**ALWAYS**  
BELIEVE  
IN YOU,  
HINA-  
CHAN.



AND WE  
MIGHT  
HURT  
EACH  
OTHER  
SOME-  
TIMES,  
TOO.

MAYBE  
THINGS  
WILL BE  
JUST AS  
HARD  
AS YOU  
SAID.

WE  
MIGHT  
BOTH  
GET  
HURT...



SO I  
KNOW  
I'LL  
NEVER BE  
ALONE.

AND  
YOU'LL  
NEVER  
BE ALONE  
AGAIN,  
EITHER.





I KNOW  
THAT  
MUCH, AT  
LEAST...

AND  
THAT'S  
ALL I  
NEED TO  
KNOW.









THE  
WARMTH  
OF HINA-  
CHAN'S  
FINGERS...

CAUGHT  
ME BY  
SURPRISE.

I'D  
THOUGHT  
THEY'D BE  
COLDER...

LIKE WHEN  
WE HELD  
HANDS  
THE NIGHT  
OF THE  
FIREWORKS.

FINAL  
CHAPTER





HER  
CHEEKS...



HER  
HAIR...

AND OUR  
ENTWINED  
LEGS...

WE  
WERE  
BURNING  
UP ALL  
OVER...

DAMP  
WITH  
SWEAT.



HAH!





I  
COULD'VE  
DONE  
NOTHING  
BUT  
LOOK AT  
HER...

ALL  
DAY  
AND  
NIGHT.

THIS WAS  
A SIDE  
OF HINA-  
CHAN...

THAT  
I'D  
NEVER  
SEEN  
BEFORE.

IT WAS  
BEAUTIFUL.

BUT  
THAT...





MY  
HEAD  
WAS  
SPIN-  
NING.

ALL I  
COULD  
DO...

WAS  
CLING  
TO  
HER.



AND...

LET  
HINA-  
CHAN...



WAS IM-  
POSSIBLE.

FLOOD  
OVER  
ME.













WELL, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE BUSY WITH ALL OF YOUR MODELING WORK, HINA-CHAN.



HINA-CHAN, YOUR KITCHEN IS SO STYLISH, I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S WHAT...

WHICH ONE'S THE CHICKEN BROTH?

THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL!



IS THIS A PROPOSAL?!

AH, BUT I BET I'D END UP DOING MOST OF THE COOKING.

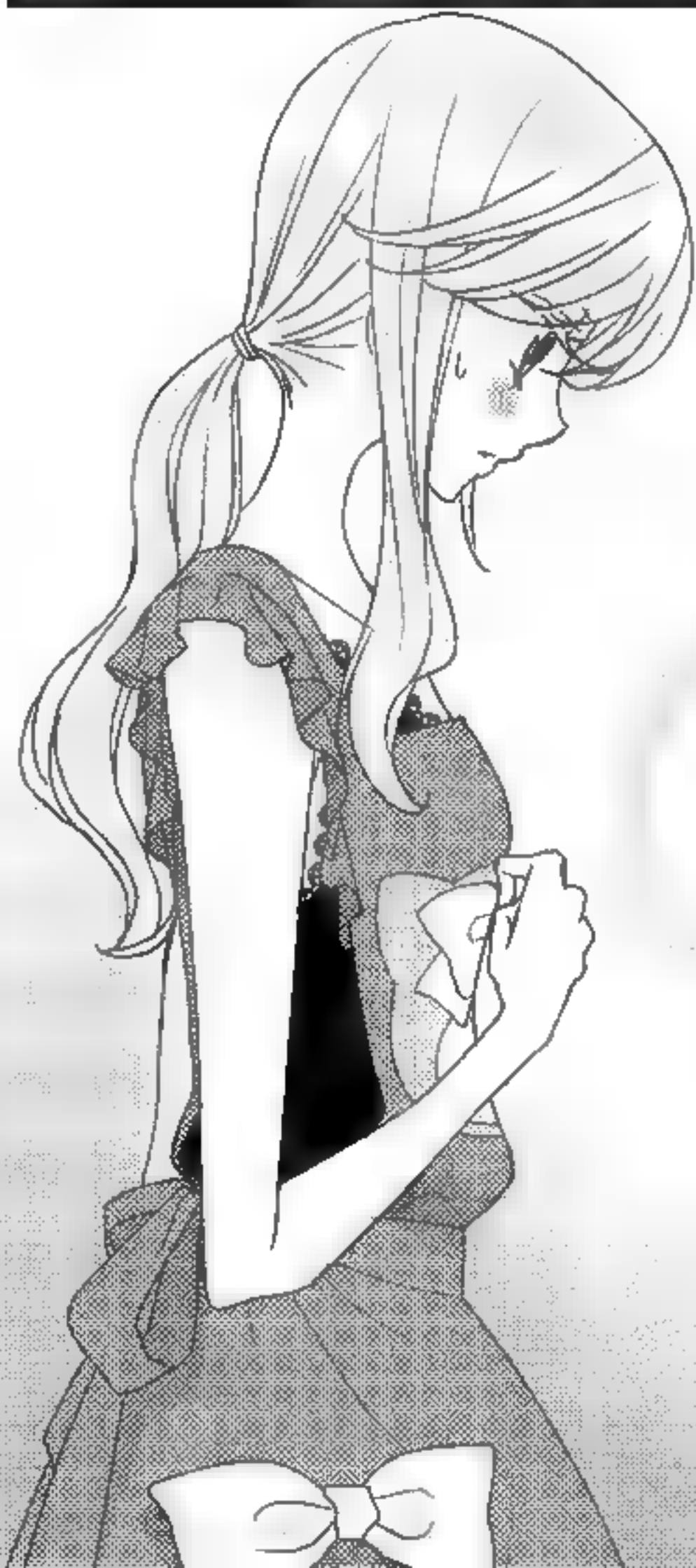
WHA--?!

I WONDER IF WE'D COOK LIKE THIS IF WE LIVED TOGETHER.

WH-WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?!

STIR

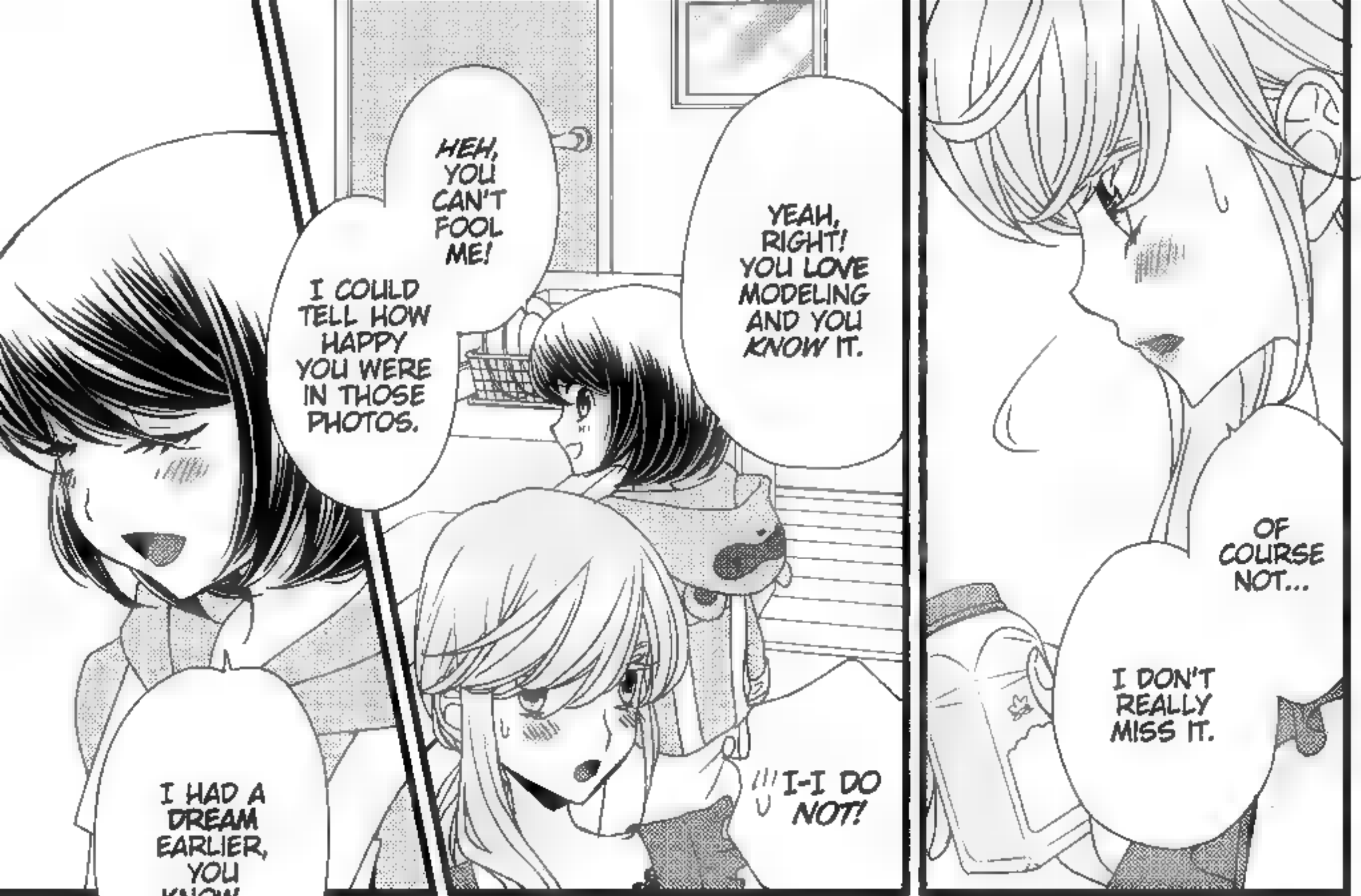
STIR



BEING A MODEL, I MEAN.

YOU'RE GOING TO GET BACK INTO IT ONCE YOU GRADUATE, RIGHT?





I HAD A  
DREAM  
EARLIER,  
YOU  
KNOW...

I COULD  
TELL HOW  
HAPPY  
YOU WERE  
IN THOSE  
PHOTOS.

HEH,  
YOU  
CAN'T  
FOOL  
ME!

YEAH,  
RIGHT!  
YOU LOVE  
MODELING  
AND YOU  
KNOW IT.

!! I-I DO  
NOT!

OF  
COURSE  
NOT...

I DON'T  
REALLY  
MISS IT.



I  
DREAMT  
I MET  
YOUR  
YOUNGER  
SELF.

WHA  
...?

AND I  
TOLD LITTLE  
HINA-CHAN  
THE SAME  
THING I'M  
GOING TO  
TELL YOU:

YOU  
DON'T  
NEED...

TO HOLD  
BACK FROM  
PURSUING  
WHAT YOU  
LOVE.





SO, I  
DON'T  
THINK YOU  
SHOULD  
QUIT BEING  
A MODEL!

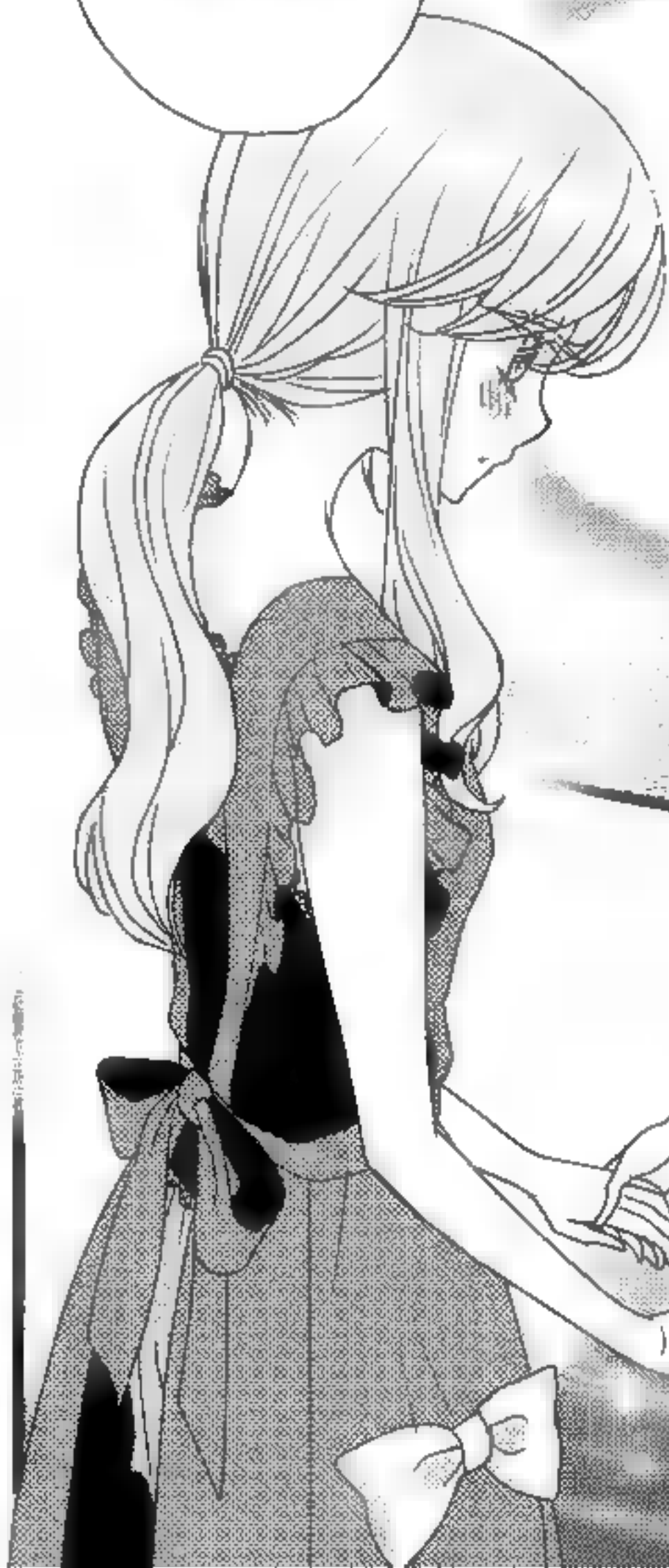


I DON'T  
HAVE  
TO HOLD  
BACK...

I'LL  
BE BY  
YOUR  
SIDE NO  
MATTER  
WHAT!

FROM  
PURSUING  
WHAT I  
LOVE...

OR  
WHO I  
LOVE.



I BELIEVE  
IN YOU,  
HINA-CHAN.





NNN...

HANA-SAN...

YOU HAVE TO DRY YOUR HAIR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED.

22

CLACK

HANA-SAN, HERE'S THE HAIR DRYER...

MAYBE I WORE HER OUT...



IN THE BEGINNING...

I JUST THOUGHT THE SHORT GIRL WHO WORKED AT THAT STORE WAS CUTE.

BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO HER.

AND I NEVER IMAGINED...

THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF HER LOVE.

AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT I WAS MORE MATURE...

SO THEY'RE SISTERS?

WHEN WE STARTED WORKING TOGETHER, I LEARNED SHE WAS DITZY AND CLUELESS...

EVEN THOUGH I WAS YOUNGER.







OF COURSE.  
I'LL  
DO MY  
BEST!

I'D BE  
HONORED  
TO  
ACCEPT.

ABOUT  
WHAT  
WE DIS-  
CUSSED  
BEFORE  
...



YES.

THANK  
YOU FOR  
GETTING  
IN TOUCH  
WITH ME.

THIS IS  
HINAKO.

AH,  
SORRY  
TO CALL  
SO  
LATE.



ON  
THAT  
NOTE...

THERE  
IS ONE  
OTHER  
THING.



I  
HAVE A  
BIT OF A  
FAVOR  
TO ASK.





# ヒナコ MIL モデル正規就任

WELCOME  
BACK,  
HINAKO!

HINAKO BECOMES AN  
OFFICIAL MIL MODEL!

Metropolitan  
"A" High  
School's  
"H"-kun

EXCLUSIVE INTRODUCTION!

MEET HINAKO'S DARLING!

A WEDDING WITH TWO BRIDES!!

WE MAY BOTH  
BE GIRLS, BUT  
WE'RE MADLY  
IN LOVE!

# 女の子同士の 結婚式!!!





HINAKO'S SO BADASS!

SOOO COOOOL !!

KYAAA

I'M TOTALLY IN LOVE!



NO WAY...

THIS IS CRAZY...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

IT'S JUST SO...



NO, I'M NOT SHOCKED, EXACTLY...

HMM? TAKAGICCHI, ARE YOU A LITTLE SHELL-SHOCKED?

I JUST...

MM?

I THINK ...







**HINAKO'S  
POKOTAN  
COLLEC-  
TION!**

**FIRST  
LOOK!**

THOUGH  
...

I'M  
MOST  
SUR-  
PRISED  
BY HINA-  
CHAN.

AHA  
HA...  
WELL, !!!  
Y'KNOW...

I SUR-  
PRISED  
EVEN  
MYSELF.

WOW,  
YOU TWO  
REALLY  
WENT  
ALL OUT,  
DIDN'T  
YA?

SHE  
EVEN WENT  
PUBLIC WITH  
HER LOVE  
FOR  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS.

SO,  
ARE YOU  
GONNA  
DO IT?

HUH?

UM,  
HELLO?  
EARTH  
TO  
HANA-  
CHAN?

I'M  
KINDA  
BIASED,  
THOUGH.

I FEEL  
LIKE  
SOME-  
HOW...

SHE'S  
GOTTEN  
EXTRA  
COOL  
LATELY.

AH,  
PLEASE  
DON'T  
CALL IT  
THAT!

TO  
MODEL  
IN THEIR  
SPINOFF  
MAG FOR  
LOLITA-  
LOVERS  
INSTEAD?

YEAH,  
BUT  
ISN'T  
THAT  
WHY  
THEY  
ASKED  
YOU...

IT'D  
SUIT  
YOU.

I GUESS  
I'M A LOLITA  
FASHION  
LOVER,  
BUT...

PLUS,  
I DON'T  
EVER  
WEAR  
THE  
RIGHT  
KINDS OF  
CLOTHES!

NO,  
NO! OF  
COURSE  
I'M NOT!

THIS  
WAS A  
ONE-TIME  
THING!!

THEY  
INVITED  
YOU TO BE  
A MODEL,  
TOO--RIGHT,  
HASEGAWA-  
CHAN?







BESIDES...

BUT,  
WELL...

WE'LL  
CROSS  
THAT  
BRIDGE  
WHEN WE  
COME  
TO IT.

BA-  
DMP

YOU'LL  
BE WITH  
ME NO  
MATTER  
WHAT,  
RIGHT?

Y-  
YEAH...



HINA-  
CHAN...

AH,  
BUT IF  
WE WEAR  
THEM  
WHILE  
WE'RE  
ALONE

THAT  
MIGHT  
BE  
KINDA  
SEXY.

I MEAN,  
I KNEW  
YOU LIKED  
COSPLAY...

MAYBE  
NAKED  
WITH AN  
APRON  
SOMEDAY,  
TOO.

TEE  
HEE!

SO I  
SHOULDN'T  
VE SEEN  
THIS  
COMING...



I WILL  
MISS...

WEARING  
THE SAME  
SCHOOL  
UNIFORM.

OH,  
YEAH. YOU  
HAVEN'T  
EVEN WORN  
IT FOR A  
WHOLE  
SCHOOL  
YEAR...



OH...

BUT...

BA-  
DMP  
BA-  
DMP



ALL  
RIGHT!

READY  
TO GET  
STARTED?

BUT...

AT  
LEAST OUR  
UNIFORMS  
STILL MATCH  
AFTER  
SCHOOL.

きゅん  
TUG





HINA-CHAN,  
THANKS  
FOR  
HELPING  
OUT FOR  
A WHILE.

WELL, THE  
CHRISTMAS  
SALE  
STARTS  
TODAY,  
AFTER  
ALL.

PLEASE  
CALL ME  
ANY TIME  
YOU NEED  
EXTRA  
HELP FOR  
FESTIVALS--  
OR ANY-  
THING  
ELSE!



IT'S  
GREAT TO  
SEE THE  
HANA-AND-  
HINA-CHAN  
DUO  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN!

OH,  
I'M SO  
HAPPY!



WHAT,  
REALLY?

YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF THIS  
STUFF IS  
SUCH A  
BIG HELP!

I THINK  
THOSE'LL  
SELL AT A  
PREMIUM,  
SO YOU  
SHOULD  
PROBABLY  
ORDER  
EXTRA.

AH, THAT  
REMINDS  
ME--HAS  
THE  
"SECRET  
GODS"  
CHRISTMAS  
SET COME  
IN YET?



HINA-  
CHAN  
HAS A  
PAINFUL  
PAST...

BUT  
THAT'S  
MADE  
HER  
WHO  
SHE IS  
TODAY.

ACTUALLY,  
COULD YOU  
TELL ME  
ABOUT  
THIS ONE,  
TOO?

OH, YES!  
THAT'S  
BEEN  
VERY  
POPULAR  
LATELY.

...





NOW  
HIRING

SO MANY  
THINGS  
HAD TO  
HAPPEN...

GOOD  
MORN-  
ING!

SO I'M  
SURE  
EVEN IF  
THERE  
ARE  
HARD  
TIMES...

FOR THE  
TWO OF  
US TO  
MEET.

EVEN  
THEN...

IT'S ALL  
PART  
OF THE  
PATH...

TO OUR  
FUTURE.

OF  
COURSE.

YES,  
MA'AM!

COULD  
YOU TWO  
WATCH  
THE  
FRONT,  
PLEASE?

I'M  
GOING TO  
GO CHECK  
ON THE  
INVENTORY  
A BIT.



HERE,  
WEAR  
THIS.

SINCE  
THAT  
FIRST  
MOMENT  
...

WHEN  
WE MET  
AFTER  
SCHOOL  
...



AH--  
WAIT  
A SEC,  
HINA-  
CHAN!

IT'S  
COLD  
OUT.

I'LL GO  
OUTSIDE  
TO DRAW  
IN CUS-  
TOMERS.



YEAH,  
SO...

NOW'S  
OUR  
CHANCE,  
ISN'T IT?

I  
WONDER  
HOW MANY  
TIMES I'VE  
FALLEN  
IN LOVE  
WITH HER?

W-  
WE'RE  
AT  
WORK...



I'LL  
KEEP  
FALLING  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
YOU...

OVER  
AND  
OVER  
AGAIN.

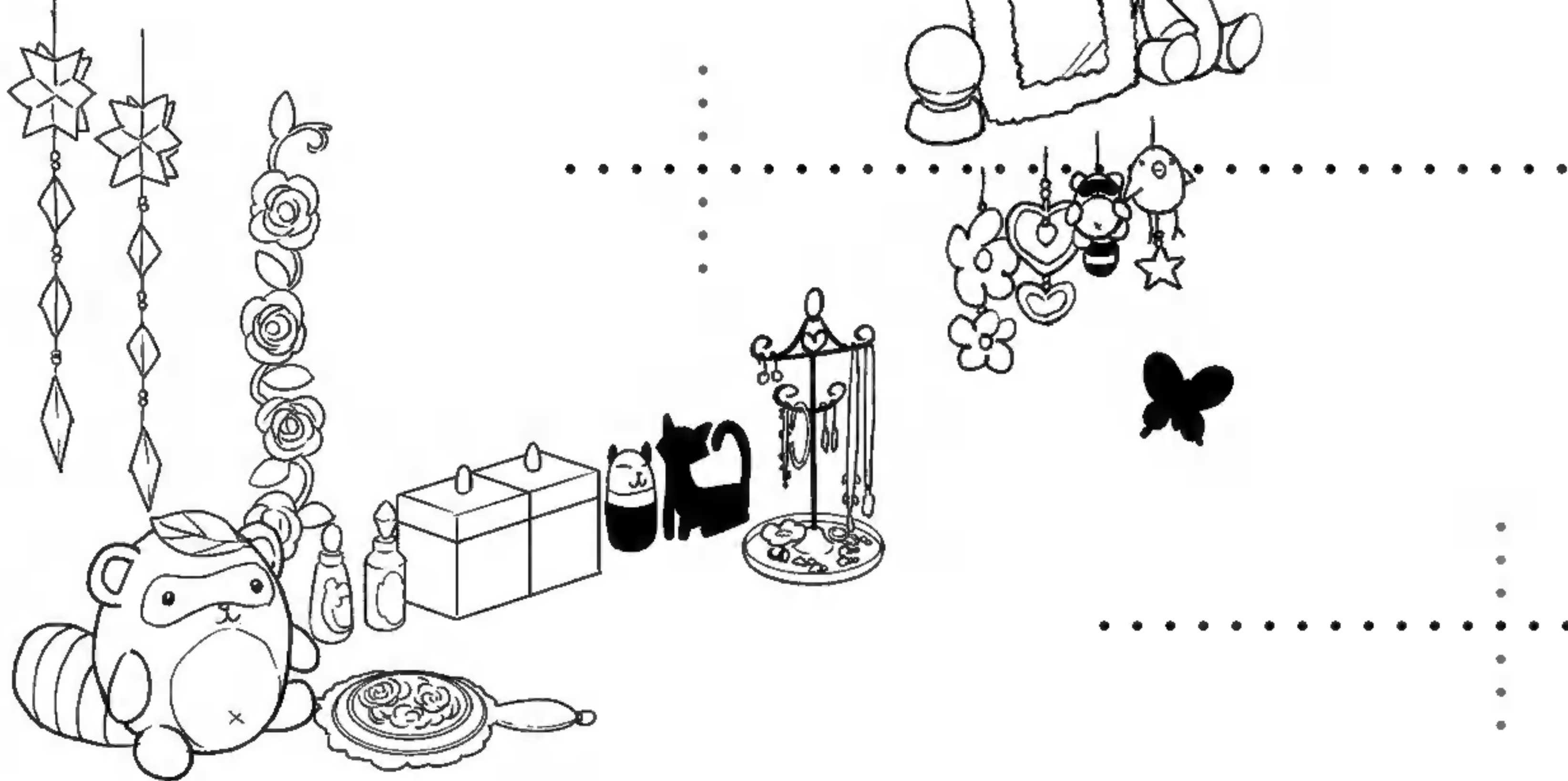
I DIDN'T  
EXPECT  
HINA-  
CHAN...

TO  
BE SO  
GREEDY.

I  
DON'T  
KNOW,  
BUT...

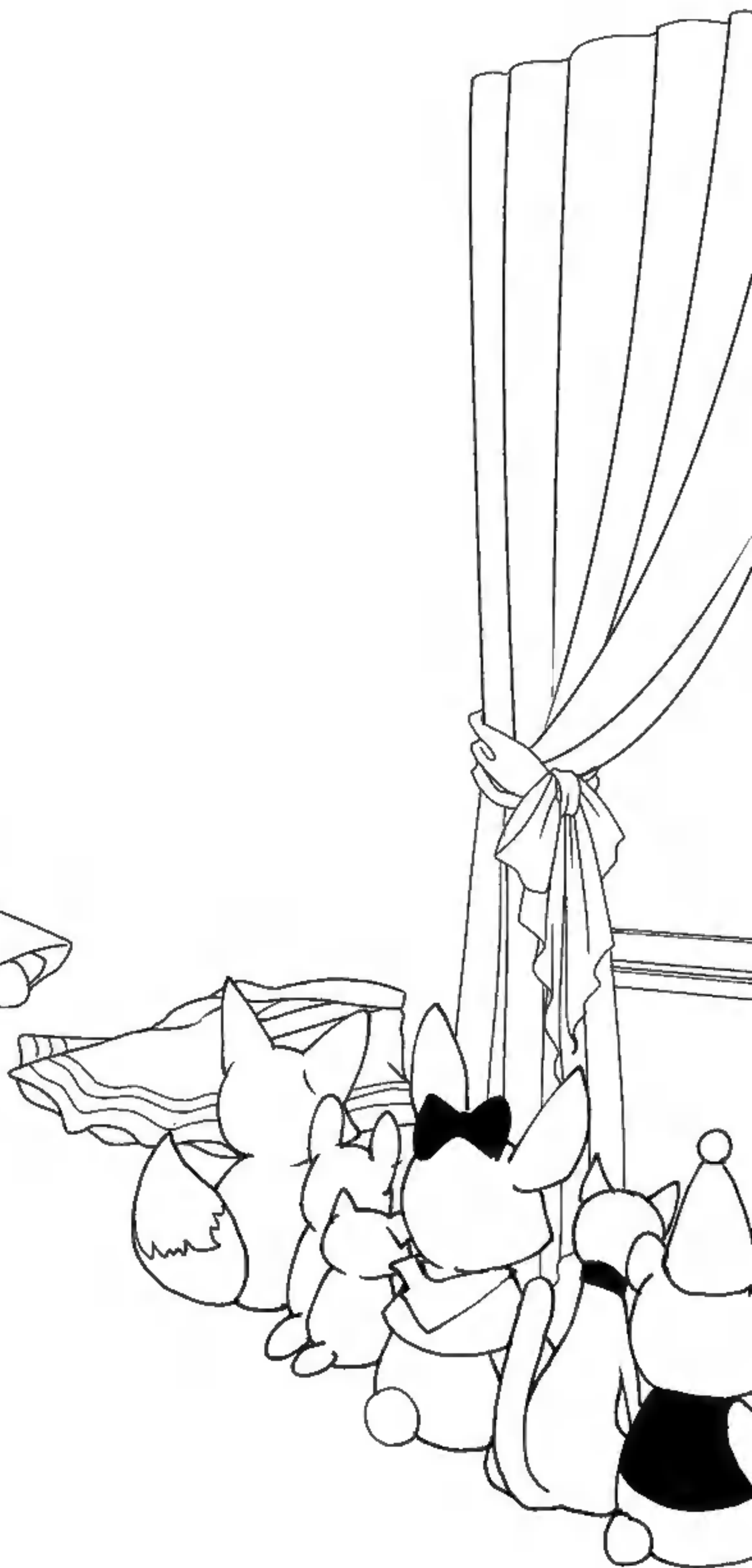
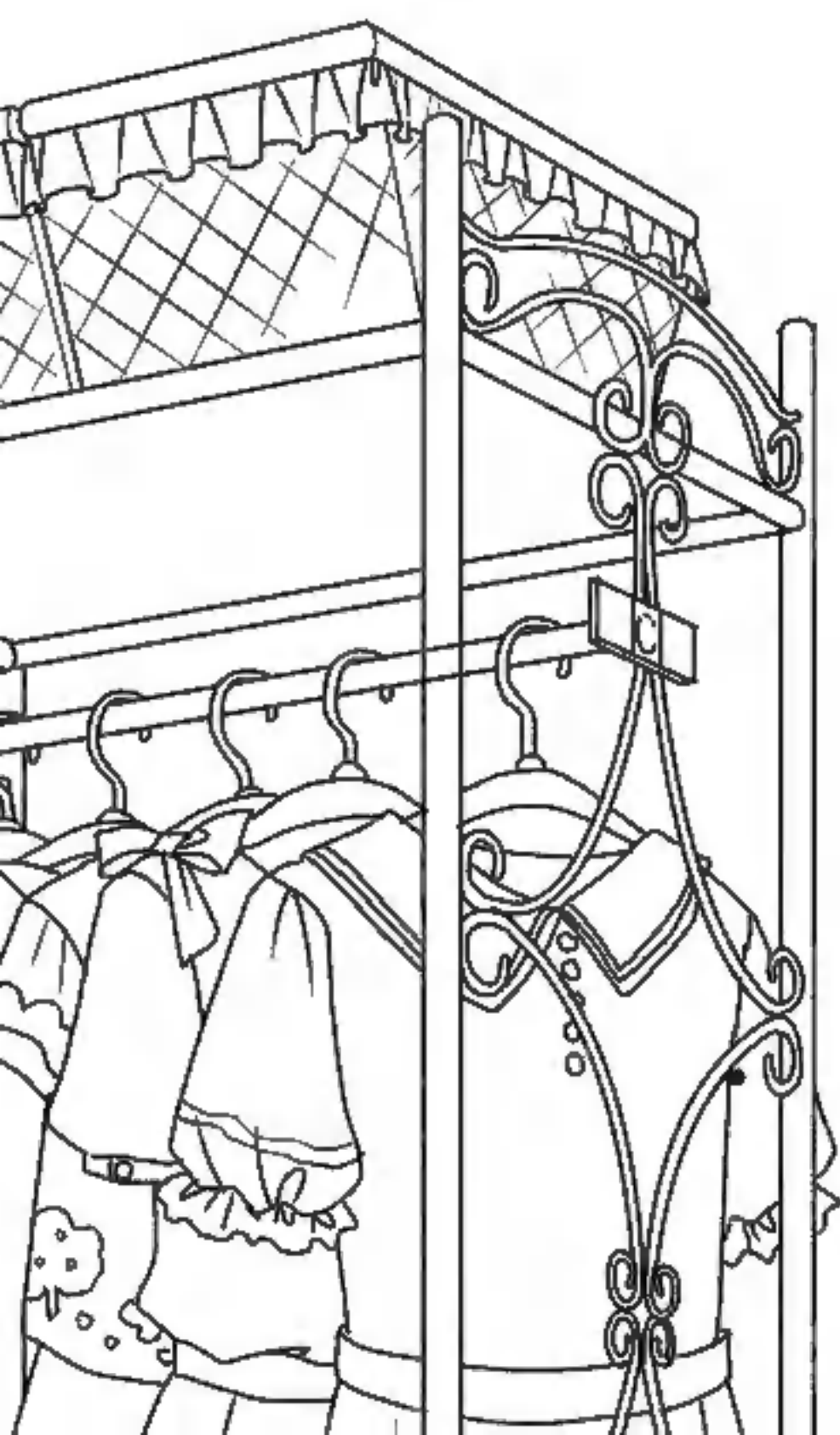
I'M  
SURE  
FROM  
NOW  
ON...





Hana & Hina AFTER SCHOOL

THE END!





IT'S ALL THANKS TO  
YOU READERS FOR  
BUYING VOLUMES  
1 AND 2. YOU'RE MY  
ANGELS.

...JUST  
KIDDING. BUT I  
WAS LUCKY TO  
BE ABLE TO  
DRAW AN EXTRA  
FINAL CHAPTER.  
THANKS TO  
THAT, I WAS  
ABLE TO DRAW  
THEIR FLIRTY  
DATING LIFE  
LIKE I  
WANTED! ♡  
I'M SO  
GRATEFUL.  
♡

VOLUMES 1  
AND 2 HAD 6  
CHAPTERS,  
BUT THIS ONE  
HAS 7.

WHAT A  
BARGAIN!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
READING  
THE  
AFTER-  
WORD  
FIRST,  
RIGHT?

THIS IS  
VOLUME 3--  
THE FINAL  
VOLUME!!  
I'M SO GLAD  
WE MADE IT..  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH FOR  
READING ALL  
THE WAY TO  
THE END. I  
HOPE YOU  
ENJOYED  
IT, EVEN  
JUST A  
LITTLE.

FOR SOME  
REASON,  
WHETHER I'M  
READING IT OR  
DRAWING IT,  
I CAN'T GET  
ENOUGH!!  
I BET YOU  
FEEL THE  
SAME WAY!!

H  
A  
A  
!

WHAHOO-  
OOOOOO

AND  
WHEN  
THAT  
FORMULA  
IS  
APPLIED  
TO  
TWO  
GIRLS...



HUH?  
IS  
THIS...  
LOVE?!

ABOUT YURI  
MANGA...TO  
BE HONEST,  
I OFTEN  
TRY TO  
DRAW IT  
JUST  
LIKE AN  
AVERAGE  
SHOJO  
ROMANCE  
STORY, SO  
IT TENDS  
TO FOLLOW  
A NORMAL  
SHOJO  
PLOTLINE.

SOB  
SOB

BUT,  
BUT... I  
MEAN...



I  
WANNA  
DIE...  
SERIOUSLY...  
I CAN'T  
DO IT...  
THIS  
SUCKS...

AND  
DRAWING  
IT IS  
LIKE...

OKAY, I  
GUESS...  
BUT  
WHEN  
IT'S A  
BOY  
AND A  
GIRL...



I  
OFTEN  
WONDER  
ABOUT  
THIS.

AH,  
IS IT A  
CURSE?

WHAT IS  
IT ABOUT  
MEN THAT  
MAKES  
THEM SO  
BORING?

WHY IS THAT?  
WHAT'S SO  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT IT?  
WHY IS IT  
SO HARD?

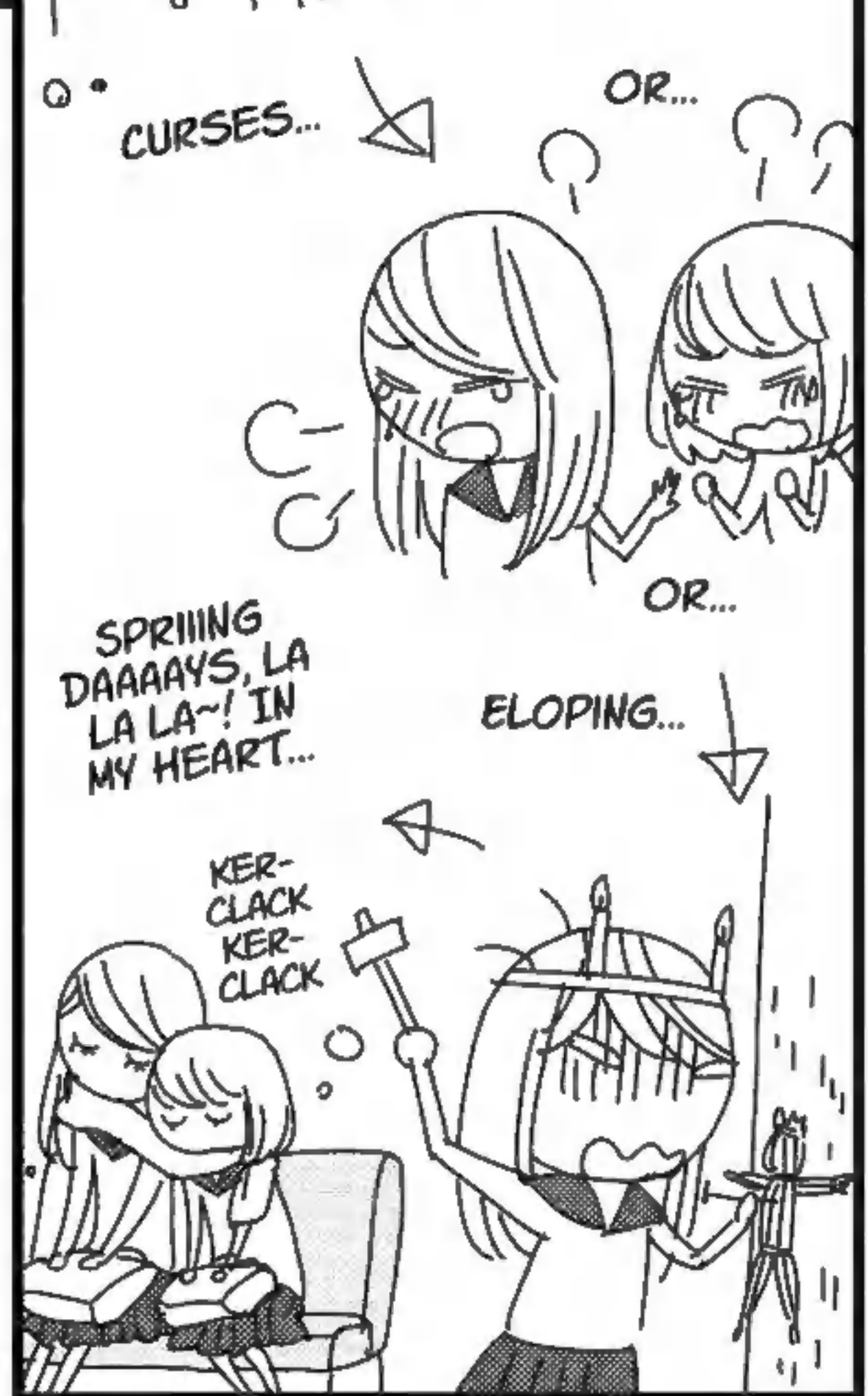
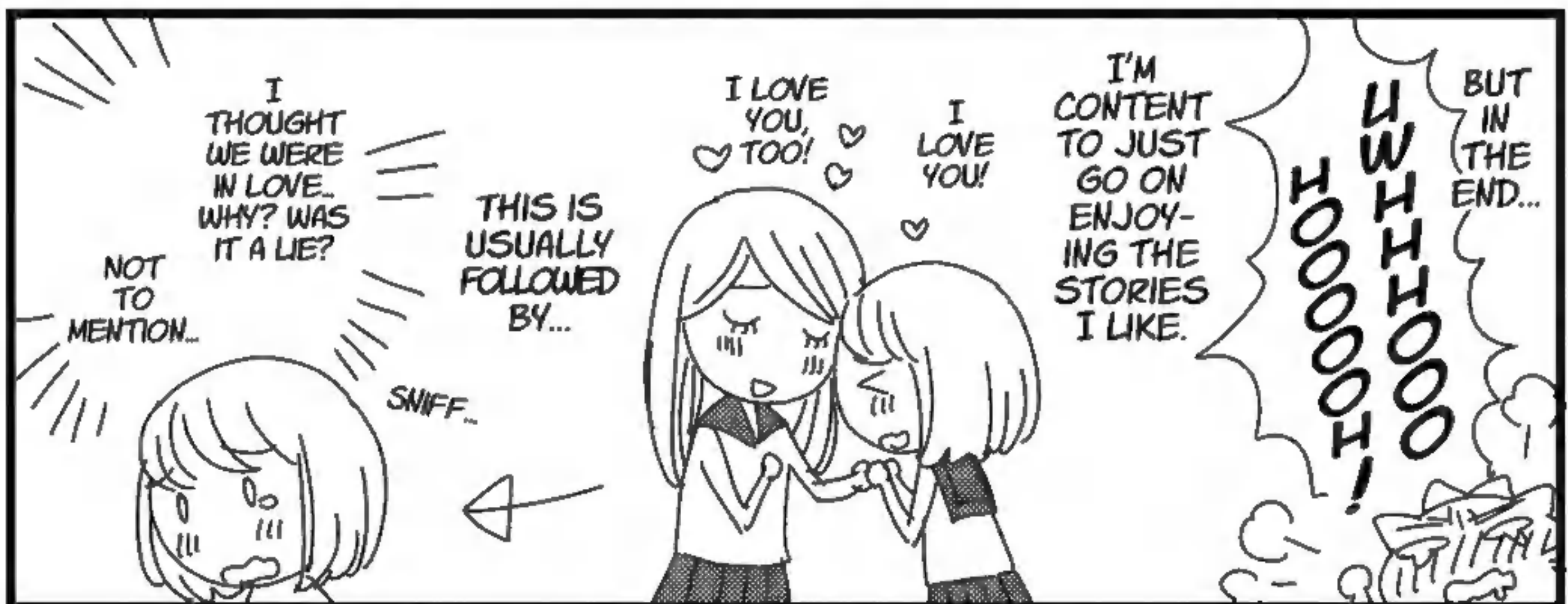


I REALLY  
LOVE  
CREATING  
THESE KINDS  
OF STORIES.  
I LOVE THEM  
MORE THAN  
MY DAILY  
SNACKS.

I KNEW  
IT. IT  
REALLY  
IS  
LOVE!









A stylized illustration of a character with long, flowing orange hair and a blue skirt. The character is shown from the waist down, with their legs spread apart. The background is white with decorative dotted lines.

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